

**FAMILY HOLIDAY TO WIN!**

Australian  
**GEOGRAPHIC**

# D MAG

Issue 42 September 2005

**Wallace  
& Gromit:**  
the facts



**Simple Plan**  
exclusive interview



**Spider spies**



**New comic!**  
**Horror High**

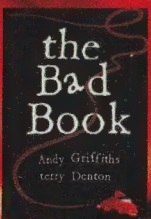
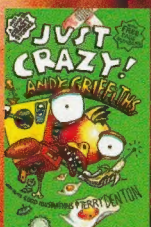
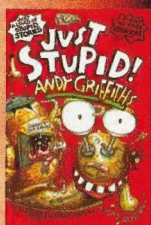
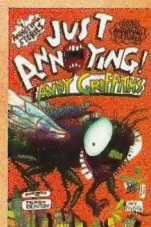
**RAZOR SCREAM  
MACHINES: 5 TO WIN!**



**Dracco  
Magnets:**  
**HOT new  
collectable**







# ANDY GRIFFITHS

**BUMS!**

**ACTION!**

**ADVENTURE!**

**ROMANCE!**

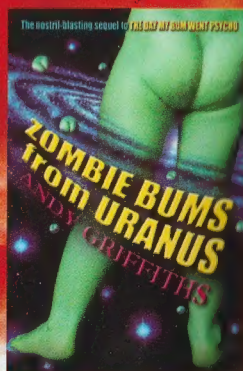
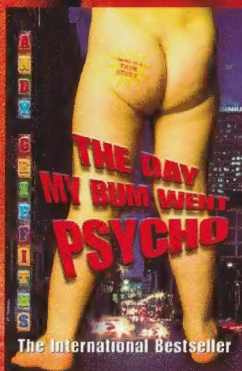
**ROBOTS!**

**TIME TRAVEL!**

**PREHISTORIC BUMS!**

**GIANT BROWN BLOBS!**

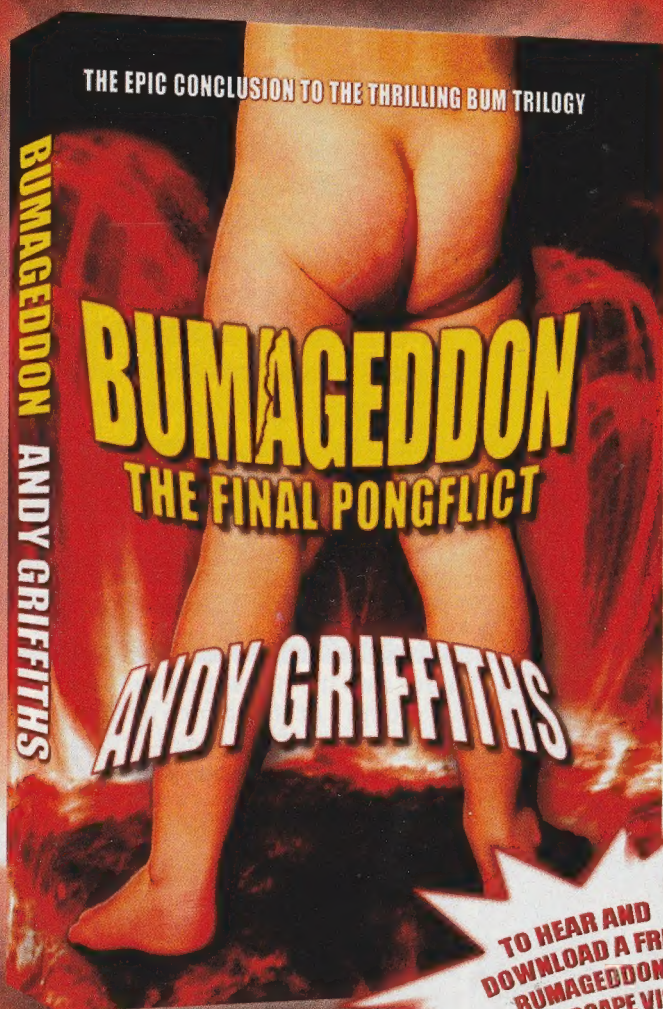
**A HUGE ARSETEROID!**





**It began with THE DAY MY BUM WENT PSYCHO.  
It continued with ZOMBIE BUMS FROM URANUS.**

**And now it ends with  
BUMAGEDDON: THE FINAL PONGFLICT.**



**TO HEAR AND  
DOWNLOAD A FREE  
BUMAGEDDON  
SOUNDSCAPE VISIT  
[www.andygriffiths.com.au](http://www.andygriffiths.com.au)  
[www.panmacmillan.com.au](http://www.panmacmillan.com.au)**

**Available NOW  
at all good bookstores**





# WELCOME

Illustration: Wendy Blume



**Hi DMAG dudes,**

What's bigger than the latest **Harry Potter** book? What's better than an interview with **Simple Plan**? What's cooler than the **Wallace & Gromit** movie? Hardly anything we know ... but **how about winning a trip overseas?** You and your family could win an adventure holiday in Thailand, Vietnam, India or China – how awesome is that?

See page

60 for details

and enter straightaway. Then check out our new comics on page 95 and find out how to play the latest craze – Dracco magnets on page 49. Plus find out about spiders, Willy Wonka and Shark Boy and Lava Girl. DMAG is full of fun this issue – enjoy!

*Doonny*



## DMAG out and about

Where was the hottest place to be this month? At the launch of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* of course! Here are our pics...



Kailla Johnson was one of the first to get a book.



Kailla met author Matthew Reilly.



KONAMI

# Deep Destructive DUELING

## Built to Win

Duel with the power of nature's fury with this second release of tournament-ready Structure Decks! Add two new dominating decks to your dueling power: **Blaze of Destruction** and **Fury from the Deep**. Every deck contains one **NEW Monster Card** and dueling tips. Enter the arena with decks that are truly built to win.



**YU-GI-OH**  
TRADING CARD GAME

**STRUCTURE DECK**  
—BLAZE OF DESTRUCTION—

Blaze of Destruction comes with:  
"Internal Flame Emperor" with the ability  
to use dead monsters to burn traps  
and spells of opponents.



**YU-GI-OH**  
TRADING CARD GAME

**STRUCTURE DECK**  
—FURY FROM THE DEEP—

Fury from the Deep comes with:  
"Ocean Dragon Lord Neo Daedalus"  
with the ability to DESTROY  
EVERYTHING but himself.

[www.yugioh-card.com](http://www.yugioh-card.com)

Manufactured by KONAMI CORPORATION. KONAMI and design are TMs or Reg. TMs of KONAMI CORPORATION. All rights reserved. Distributed by The Upper Deck Company and Upper Deck Europe BV. Upper Deck Entertainment and design are the TMs or Reg. TMs of The Upper Deck Company. All rights reserved. Printed in the USA.  
The Upper Deck Company, 905 Trade Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030. Upper Deck Europe BV, Flevoham 12, 1302 JH Weesp, The Netherlands. [www.upperdeck.com](http://www.upperdeck.com) U.S. Pat. #5,737,957.

© 1998 KAZUKI TAKAHASHI

**UPPER DECK**  
ENTERTAINMENT



## CONTENTS

DMAG is a joint venture between Smartypantz Communications Pty Ltd ACN 101 079 092 and Australian Geographic Pty Ltd ACN 002 869 678. ABN 31 890 108 365  
Ph: 1300 887 795  
Fax: 61 2 9473 6701  
enquiries@dmag.com.au  
PO Box 321 Terrey Hills NSW 2084

### PUBLISHER:

■ Deborah Dickson-Smith

### EDITOR:

■ Dorothy Tonkin

### DESIGN & PRODUCTION:

■ Kevin O'Sullivan

### PUBLISHING MANAGER:

■ Lotte Olesen

### EDITORIAL ASSISTANT:

■ Angie Hubbard

### PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR:

■ Emily Craker

### EDITORIAL ADVISOR:

■ Trudy Alcorn B.Ed.

### ADVERTISING MANAGER:

■ Angela Chrisan

PH: 61 2 8336 8614

### PRINTED BY:

Offset Alpine

### DISTRIBUTED BY:

Gordon & Gotch

### CONTRIBUTORS:

Mark Guthrie, Rich Warwick,  
Anthony Hetrih, Richard Jones.

All characters in any piece of fiction are purely imaginary and no reference or allusion is intended to apply to any living person or persons. Articles reflect the personal opinion of the author and not necessarily that of the Publisher. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information, no warranties or guarantees are given by DMAG as to the accuracy of the contents of this magazine. DMAG is fully protected under the Commonwealth Copyright Act 1968. All rights reserved. No material may be reproduced in part or in whole without the written consent from the copyright holders. New product information and prices provided by the distributors and may be changed without notice. ISSN 1443 - 1580



### TOTALLY ROCKS!

- 18 Harry Potter: New characters and intrigues
- 24 Meet Ricky Ulman
- 26 Catch up with Simple Plan

- 32 Try our delicious Willy Wonka quiz!
- 36 Meet the real Shark Boy and Lava Girl
- 38 Wallace and Gromit
- 40 Movie reviews
- 49 Dracco Magnets: play guide

### BOOK STUFF

- 78 Spooky Kooks
- 80 All the latest book goss
- 82 Meet Andy Griffiths
- 84 Reader's story

### COMICS

- 90 Fairly Odd Primates
- 95 WortSquall
- 96 Freaky High
- 99 Fishy

### REGULAR ULTRA FANTASTIC STUFF

- 8 Write Then!
- 10 DMAG Artists
- 12 What's going on
- 14 D'News
- 21 Harry Potter Gossip
- 22 What's on the Box?
- 28 Rock On

## MOVIE MADNESS







## DISCOVERY & ADVENTURE

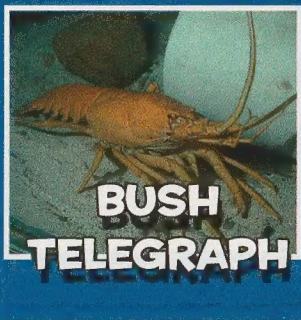
- 44 Bush Telegraph
- 46 Who Dunnit? – forensic science
- 53 So Gross
- 54 Scary spiders



- 56 The beautiful Gouldian Finch
- 59 Weird Science



- 62 Animal facts with Ranger Mick from the Reptile Park
- 64 Meet the boy who swims with sharks
- 66 Get Active



- 68 Subscribe
- 70 Gamers' Guide on Pokémon
- 72 Game Guru section
- 98 WINNERS! Puzzle Answers and Terms and Conditions
- 99 Jokes

## PUZZLES GALORE

- 86 Chocolate Maze
- 87 Sky High colouring in
- 88 Freddie the Fly maze

## FREEBIES

- 8 Micador Pencils & Paw Prints
- 10 Faber-Castell markers



- 11 Razor Scream Machines
- 20 Harry Potter prize
- 25 OC Chopper motorbike packs
- 31 *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* family passes
- 34 *Sky High* movie tickets
- 41 *Wallace & Gromit* movie packs
- 53 So Gross Tins
- 60 WIN a family holiday to Asia!
- 85 \$1000 in our National Writing Comp
- 89 Faber-Castell watercolour pencil kits



WRITE THEN

# DUDES NEWS

We've received lots of amazing letters this month ... Send your letters and photos to: Dudes News PO Box 321 Terrey Hills NSW 2084. All letters and photos published on this page in our next issue will win a wicked Micador metallic pencil set!



## DEAR DMAG,

Hi my name is Hannah, I am 11 years old. I love animals. I have four guinea pigs and two cats. I also love DMAG. I love entering the competitions. I also like to read all the things. The thing I like best about DMAG is the Artists page. I love drawing. I hope you like the picture of the horse I drew.



## FROM A BIG FAN,

**HANNAH** (Your horse is fab! - Ed.)

## DEAR DMAG,

I am Hayden Sproule. I am nine years old. I love your mag's comps, comics and jokes. I reckon your mag is #1, it totally rox! Keep up the awesome work.

**FROM YOUR #1  
FAN HAYDEN**

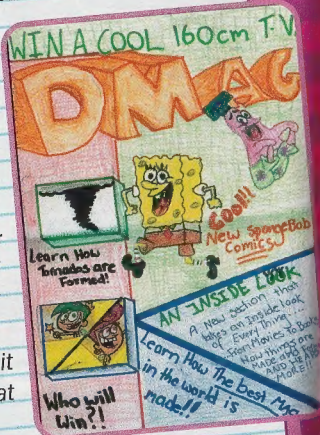
## G-DAY DMAG!

My name is Bethany and I am twelve years old. Did you know that hundreds and thousands of kids read your mag every single day

because it's just fantastic!? Well, they do, and I am very proud to be one of them. Because I love your mag so very much I have designed a new front cover for you! I hope you like it and keep up the great work!

## BETHANY

(Thanks Bethany, you have some great ideas - Ed.)



## DEAR DMAG,

My name is Victoria Costello and I am 10 years old. Your mag rocks!!! I hope you like my picture of Sindy from Neighbours, which is one of my favourite shows.

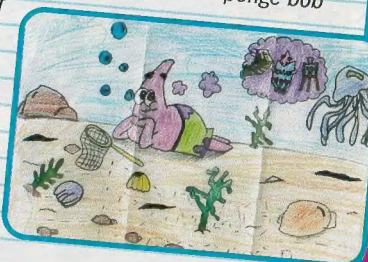
Love your #1 fan  
**VICTORIA  
COSTELLO**





## HI! MY NAME IS ELICIA.

I've been reading DMAG for almost two years already, and your magazine is still going strong! I love all your comics and I love your Sponge-bob comics most of all! He is so funny! I think that Patrick is a real goof-ball too. DMAG is very informative and it is the best mag I have ever read. I hope you like my drawing of Patrick Star.



**FROM YOUR NUMBER ONE FAN,  
ELICIA**

## DEAR DMAG,

Your mag ROCKS!!! I would have put a thousand exclamation marks after ROCKS if there were space. I love your Gross pages, gossip, competitions, absolutely everything. I haven't subscribed to the mag, but I get it as soon as the month starts. I spend all my pocket money on DMAG and I don't see why I shouldn't. I wish the mag could come out every week or even earlier. I would love that more than 1000 lollies!!! And trust me I have a sweet tooth. See ya

**FROM BENJAMIN  
KAYE-SMITH**

## DEAR DMAG,

My name is Georgia. I have only just started reading your magazines. I love Neopets! I got the poster of Neopets and I got the cards off the front of DMAG. I am seven and I have nine Neopets toys.

**FROM YOUR NEWEST  
FAN, GEORGIA**



## DEAR DMAG,

I am an 11-year-old boy from NSW Australia. I have been reading your mag for three years. I think your mag is the best. I hope you like my picture of Captain Underpants. (We do! - Ed.)

**FROM YOUR BEST FAN TYLER**

## Pet of the Month

### Hi Guys!

If you love your pet, then why not send us a picture? If it's printed, you'll become a member of the RSPCA's Paw Prints

Club  
and  
get

sent this wonderful **Paw Prints** magazine for a whole year! And if you want to help out the RSPCA some more, why not adopt a Pawphan? See [www.pawphans.com](http://www.pawphans.com)

Now that's one cute bunny! Check out Sooty – Eloise's five-month-old wascally wabbit.





# ARTISTS

**CHECK OUT  
DMAG'S ARTISTS  
THIS MONTH!**



Jack Baker 5



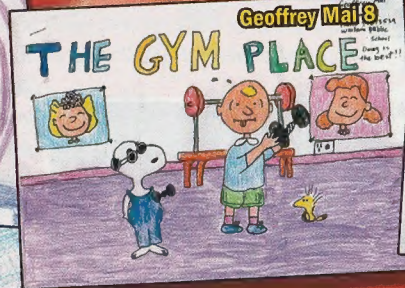
Rebecca Moore 12



JACK-BACK



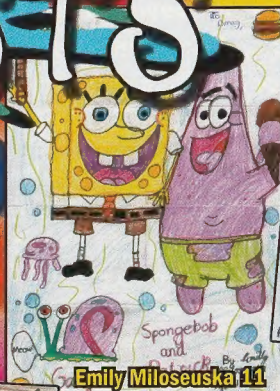
Tahlia Burrows 9



Geoffrey Mai 8



Nathan Freitas 11



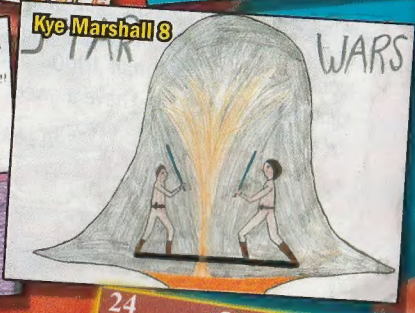
Emily Miloseuska 11



Emily Lear 12



Hannah Gluyas 11



Kye Marshall 8

To win a set of these sparkling Faber-Castell Watercolour Pencils, send us your drawing. If it's printed, you'll win! Send your drawing to DMAG Artists, PO Box 321, Terrey Hills NSW 2084. See page 98 for terms and conditions.





# WIN! A RAZOR ELECTRIC SCREAM MACHINE!

Get ready to scream! We have FIVE Razor Electric Scream Machines to give away, and to keep your heads nice and safe, each one comes with a cool Razor safety helmet.

Check out [www.razor.com](http://www.razor.com) for more info on the original range of Razor scooters and bikes.

To enter, draw us a picture of your favourite way to travel. Send your entries with your name, address, age and size of head in centimetres on the back to: Razor Comp, PO Box 321, Terrey Hills NSW 2084. See page 98 for terms and conditions.



funtastic  
LIMITED



Razor™



WHAT'S GOING ON...

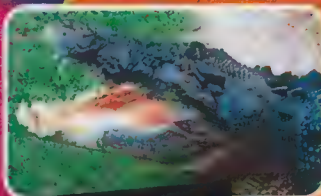
# SEPTEMBER

Five **MUST DO** things this month ...

Rent Princess Mononoke, Porco Rosso, The Cat Returns or Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind on DVD to get ready for the September 22 release of **Howl's Moving Castle** - the latest Studio Ghibli film.

2

Make dad breakfast in bed for Father's Day on September 4.



Get in touch with your wild side and visit a wildlife park. The Australian Reptile Park near Sydney is celebrating Eric the Crocodile's birthday for the entire school hols - visitors even get free birthday cake - YUM! See [www.reptilepark.com.au](http://www.reptilepark.com.au)

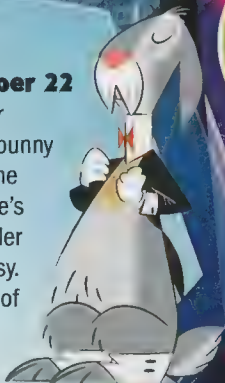
## Toon-O-Scope

Star of the month - Virgo!

August 23 - September 22

Is your star sign Virgo like Mr Herriman? This well-organised bunny oversees the daily operations of the Foster house. Like many Virgos he's intelligent, loves rules, is a stickler for cleanliness and can be fussy. But he's also patient and full of kindness - after all he was created by a little girl!

Other famous Virgos: Ben Affleck and Madonna.



CARTOON NETWORK

Read **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** by Roald Dahl



Vote for your fave movie star / hottie / old fart in the **Nickelodeon's Nite Choice Awards** on [www.nickelodeon.com.au](http://www.nickelodeon.com.au) See who wins and who's filmed on Nickelodeon September 22, 24 and 27 at 6pm.

Catch your Cartoon Network Toon-O-Scope Fridays at 4pm and Saturdays at 11.30am.



# stellvia

PREPARE YOURSELF  
FOR THE ULTIMATE  
SPACE JOURNEY!



**VOLUME 1 OUT NOW!!**

As a single DVD or in the  
limited edition Collector's Box

In 2157, Earth was nearly destroyed by radiation from a giant supernova, but mankind managed to survive. Now in 2326, a second wave is approaching fast! It's up to girls like Shime to become space-pilots at the Stellvia academy where they learn to protect the people they love.

From the creators of  
**MARTIAN SUCESSOR NADEKCO**

**MADMAN**  
ENTERTAINMENT  
[www.madman.com.au](http://www.madman.com.au)



Available at  
**BORDERS**  
WHOLESALE MUSIC MARTS CAN

**EBGAMES**

**ezydvd**

**GMV**

**JB**  
**HI-FI**



Want to know what's hot and

## Time to play Kisschasy

**T**his band of Melbourne punksters is heading straight to the top! We caught up with guillotine Sean ...

**DMAG:** Do you remember the first time you heard one of your songs on the radio?

**Sean:** Yeah! I do. Triple J played one of our demos on Home And Hosed as part of their Suck Or Swim segment ... and that was awesome. People ring and vote to say if they want to hear it again and we swim, as opposed to sinking.

**DMAG:** Who writes the songs?

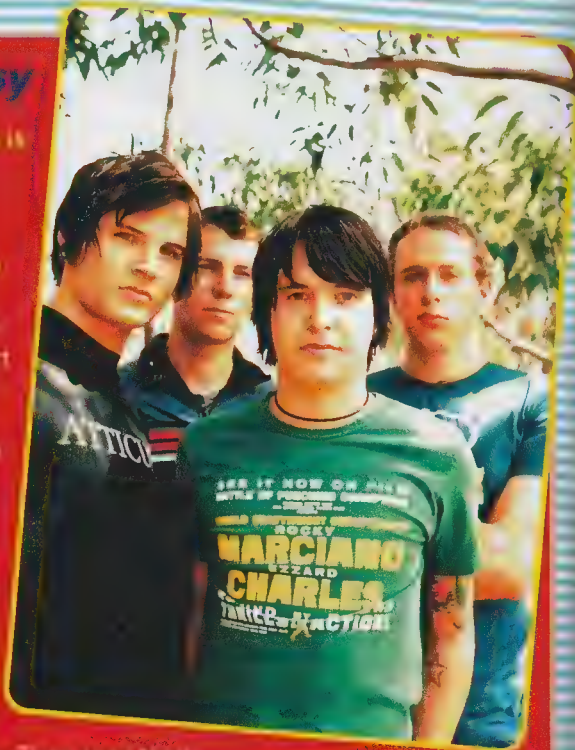
**Sean:** Mainly Darren, and I chuck in a bit. I've written a couple of songs for the album, the third track and the interlude.

**DMAG:** If you could be any super hero, who would you be?

**Sean:** I wouldn't be any of them. I

don't like them. They wear bell

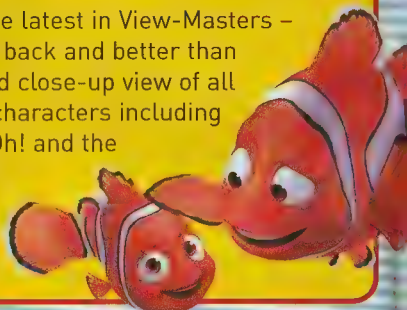
underpants outside their pants. That's not cool!



## A new view

**C**heck out the latest in View-Masters - Yep they're back and better than ever. Get a good close-up view of all your favourite characters including Batman, Yu-Gi-Oh! and the adorable Nemo! It

comes in bright new colours and cool new designs ... take a peek.





happening? Then read on...

## We have a winner!

**M**et the Hopkins ... Winners of Nickelodeon's search for a Nicktoon family. We caught up with 9-year-old Jessica Hopkins to find out more!

**DIMAG:** What is the craziest thing your family has done?

**JESSICA:** We nailed the tent to the floor inside at our old house, because it was too cold

outside and it wouldn't stand up if we didn't nail it.

**DIMAG:** How are they going to turn you into a cartoon?

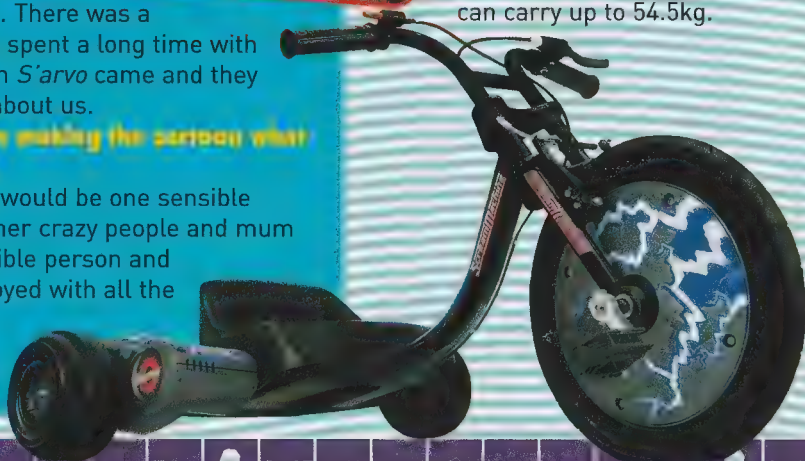
**JESSICA:** We spent about ten hours last week with the people who are drawing us and they filmed us. There was a film crew and they spent a long time with us and James from *S'arvo* came and they just learned a lot about us.

**DIMAG:** If you were making the cartoon what would it be like?

**JESSICA:** There would be one sensible person and five other crazy people and mum would be the sensible person and would just be annoyed with all the stuff that we do ...

## Scream with Razor

**Y**ou'll be screaming when you ride the new Razor Electric Scream Machine. This three-wheeler powers along at 14.5 km/hr – doesn't sound like much but it's pretty good when you're going uphill and you don't have to do anything because the battery powered motor is working for you! Downhill you can go as fast as you want (bearing in mind your safety of course!) thanks to the freewheeling system that's perfect for coasting. The motor kicks in after your speed is 5 km/hr – so you have some pedalling to do to begin with. The bike comes with a battery charger and can carry up to 54.5kg.

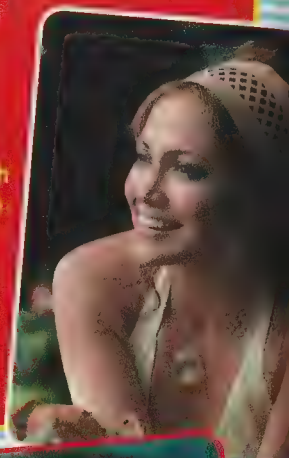






## Jen and Brit go head to head

**J**ennifer Lopez and Britney Spears have waved goodbye to sulding each other's clinging – this September they're set to battle it out in the department stores when they both launch new fragrances. Ms Lopez will be releasing her fourth perfume *Live Jennifer Lopez*, and Ms Spears will be releasing her second scent *Fantasy*.



## Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

**F**our children travel through a wardrobe to a magical snow-covered land, Narnia. A land where animals talk, a lion called Aslan is the ruler and where it's

perpetual winter – without ever being Christmas. Now this amazing fantasy world, which was created by C.S. Lewis in his wonderful books, is hitting cinemas December 26! Here are some scenes from *Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* ...





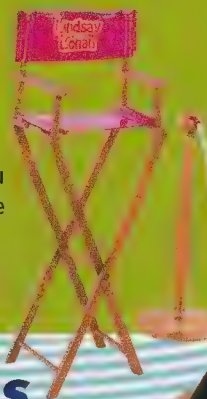
pening? Then read on...

## Lindsay doll



Would you like to spend a day with Lindsay Lohan? Want to walk the red carpet with her? What about taking her to school with you? Well now you can, thanks to the new My Scene

Lindsay Lohan doll. She comes with her own Director's Chair, a fake fur-trimmed coat and a velvet rope to keep back the fans – how cool is that! And of course she has a brilliant range of fashion-forward clothes. If you want even more My Scene, make sure you catch the movie premiere of *My Scene Goes Hollywood* on Channel 7, 12pm on August 28.

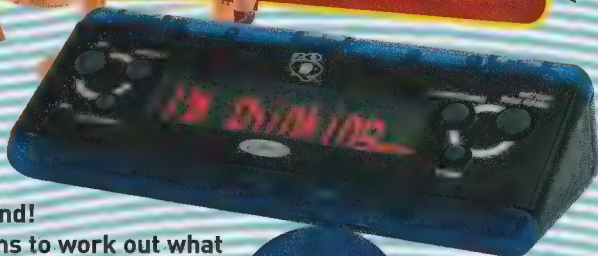


AAP

## 20Q returns

Introducing 20Q Tabletop and 20Q Big Screen... the handheld portable games that can read your mind!

It'll ask you questions to work out what you're thinking and if it can guess it within 20 questions it wins – if not ... you win! You'll want to try this.





# Harry Potter and the

**Finally! The book we've all been waiting for has hit the stores and just as quickly left them – taken home by us Potter fans for some frenzied reading ...**

Don't you just hate that bit at the end where ...

Wait a minute – what do you mean you haven't read it? Unbelievable!

OK we'll fill you in on some of the major developments ... but don't worry, we won't give anything important away...

## ***New characters***

### ■ **RUFUS SCRIMGEOUR**

Rufus Scrimgeour is the new Minister for Magic. He's replacing Cornelius Fudge, who was sacked.

Scrimgeour looks a bit like a battle-weary lion – he was after all Head of the Auror Office. In this last chapter, Scrimgeour meets with the Muggle Prime Minister – and we only encounter him very briefly again during the book – could J.K. Rowling have bigger plans for him in the next book?

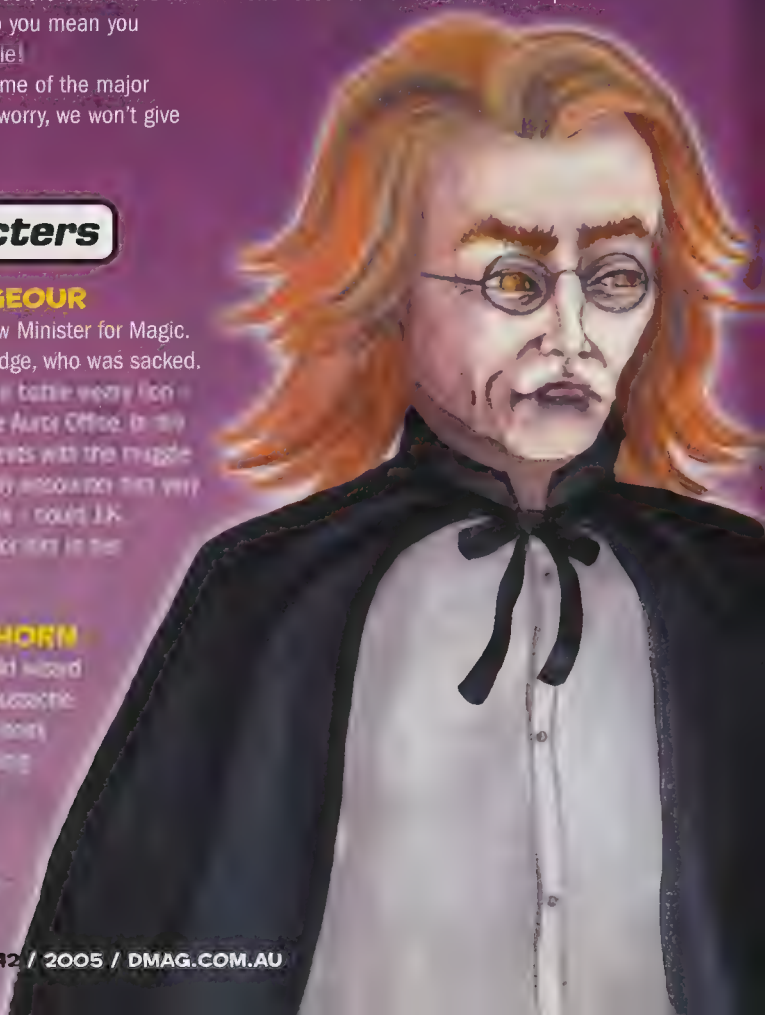
### ■ **HORACE SLUGHORN**

Slughorn is a fat, balding old wizard with a huge, walrus-like moustache. He appears only once in the book when Dumbledore is recruiting him to be the new Potions teacher. He was taught at Hogwarts before, when Harry's mum Lily was there – he was one of her

favorites. Slughorn plays a major role in this book and looks set for a huge role in the next.

## ***Family secrets***

Since we last met Harry, rumours have abounded in the wizarding world that he is 'the chosen one'. He's getting a lot of extra attention – even from Dumbledore, who starts giving him one-on-one lessons. The "lessons" are trips down





**By J.K. Rowling**  
**Review by Lynette**  
**Ohye, 16**



It was a long wait, but  
well worth it - the *Half-Blood Prince* is an exciting  
read, and it leaves you wishing you could jump  
straight into book seven! While most of the  
action happens in the second half of the book,  
some secrets are hinted at early on. Dumbledore  
finds a new teacher for Hogwarts, Professor  
Slughorn, who considers himself rather likeable,  
and it is funny to see him try to get Harry on  
side. Harry thinks about the Prophecy and what  
he must do to stop Voldemort once and for all.  
Harry and Ron also have to deal with another  
very important problem - girls. The *Half-Blood  
Prince* adds another layer to the characters and  
leaves open many possibilities for the final book  
of *Harry Potter* - who else can't wait?

## MARVEL'S GAUNT

It's a busy, busy, steadily progressing and busy life as you'd expect. But it's also really, a really fun and one of the best things about work of 24-hour systems. He has a very busy and when they get back to the office, he's enjoying his job. He says,



## ■ MEROPE

Harry's first impression of Merope is that she's thoroughly defeated. But when a dashing young man named Tom Riddle passes by, it's clear that she's madly in love.

Outraged, her father Gaunt calls her a "filthy blood traitor" and attempts to strangle her. The Pensieve vision ends and Dumbledore tells Harry she survived her horrendous upbringing and went on to have Tom's child

## ■ THE GOLDEN LOCKET

In this same vision, Merope is wearing a heavy gold locket that is a Slytherin heirloom. This locket is very important, especially at the end - but you'll have to read the book to find out why!

## POTTER THEORIES

There are hundreds of new intrigues in the latest book but the burning question we all have is: *What does K.A.B. stand for?* Send your theories to Potter Theories #42 PO Box 321 Terry Hills NSW 2284. If your theory is published you'll get a Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone Sticker Collector's Pack.





## Potter Theories

**In our July issue we asked you:**

## What happened in Snape's Past?

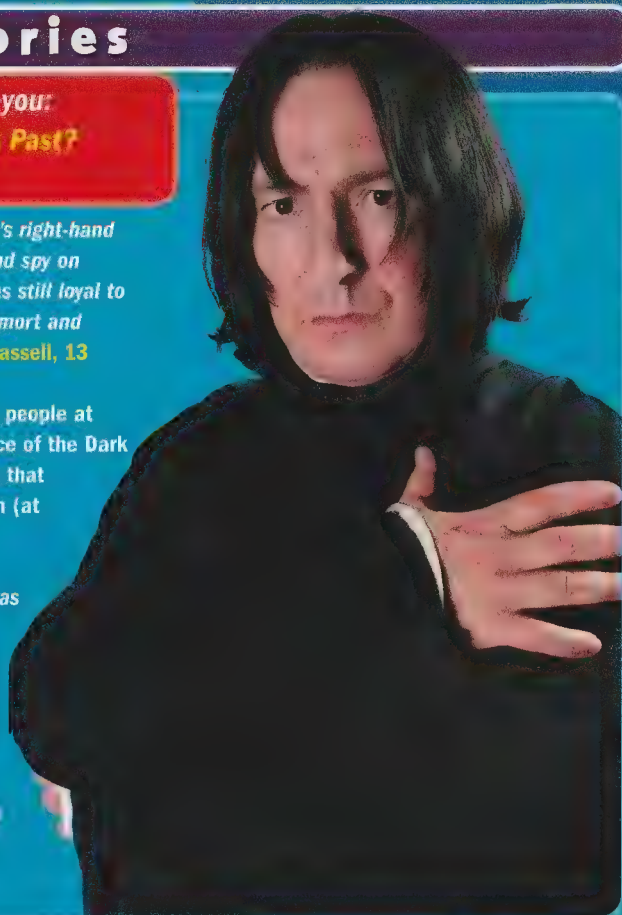
**Here are your theories:**

*I think Snape used to be Voldemort's right-hand man. Voldemort told Snape to go and spy on Dumbledore, but because Snape was still loyal to Dumbledore, Snape fled from Voldemort and returned to the good side.* **Caitlin Hassell, 13**

I think Snape was always teased by people at school, but was very good at Defence of the Dark Arts and OK at Potions. I also think that James saved Snape's life from Lupin (at full-moon). *Kristian Sarkozl, 12*

When Snape was at Hogwarts, he was teased a lot (even his parents ignored him). So when he left school, Lord Voldemort picked up on his dreams and fears to claim him as a death eater. Professor Dumbledore saved him from a fate worse than death, which is why he's back at Hogwarts.

**Freddie Begelhole, 7**



POWER and all related indicia are trademarks of and © 2005 Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. All rights reserved. Harry Potter Publishing Rights © UK Rowling.

## Daniel to tour

**We all agree Daniel Radcliffe plays a fabulous Harry Potter! But you'll soon be able to see him in a completely new role – he's just signed up to appear in a new movie called *December Boys* about four orphans growing up in 1960s Australia – his first new part since he won the role of Harry Potter five years ago. Filming is set to begin just after the fourth Potter movie *Goblet of Fire* is released, so keep your eyes peeled, because you may just catch your fave wizard touring Oz very soon!**





# DVD and Video

# Kids in the

## Having Alison Ashley



When you're 14, life is full of dilemmas – bad hair days, puppy fat, confusing crushes and your very first kiss! So when someone (in this case Alison Ashley) seems to have the perfect life, life can become even more frustrating!

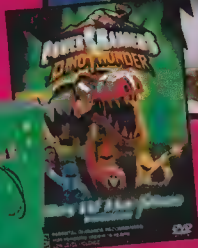
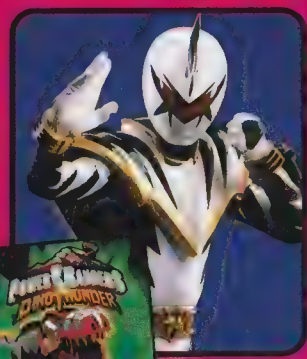
## Shima Katase

The year is 2326 and the Earth is recovering from a massive blast of radiation. Humans have survived, but now they're preparing for the next blast. Enter Shima Katase, a young girl who wants to be a space pilot. She's studying at Stellvia, a space pilot academy where you also learn how to save the world – excellent!



## Power Rangers

Check out these five new DVDs featuring new



rangers, new costumes, nastier villains, faster vehicles and more powerful weapons. In the *Dino Thunder* series, an evil scientist wants to return the world to the age of dinosaurs!

## Lexy Gold

Lindsay Lohan is Lexy Gold, the ever-popular school advice columnist who has just broken the biggest scandal the school has ever seen – two teachers are secretly dating!



## Nick Hardcastle

**D MAG:** What's the grossest thing you had to do for the *Kids in the Garden* DVD?

I had to get a couple of thousand worms out of a bag and put them into the soil with some stinky compost!

**D MAG:** Why are worms good for the garden?

Their castings, which is their poo, helps nourish the soil.

**D MAG:** Tell us a fascinating animal fact...

The giraffe has four different stomach compartments, because in certain places that are very arid they might not be able to get as much food as they need. So they chew food, it goes down and they can



he box? Then pull up a chair.

## Garden

regurgitate it and eat it again, so I guess it's like a storage system.

**DMAG:** Tell us your recipe for lemonade?

**Wendy:** The recipe for lemonade is really easy.

### You'll need:

- 1/2 litre of water
- The juice of 6 lemons, squeezed
- 1 and 1/2 cups of sugar
- Then stir the sugar into hot water until dissolved, add the lemon juice and serve with plenty of ice!

I like a bit of fresh mint in mine too –  
yummy!!

## Couch Potato



### Wicked Science

Ahh ... everything is back to normal – no teenage scientific geniuses, no rampaging dinosaurs and no flying teachers ... But it won't stay that way for long – Elizabeth is up to her old tricks again.

**Network Ten from Friday  
August 19 at 4pm**

### The Life and Times of Juniper Lee

Imagine being able to discipline unruly six foot leprechauns or smack down troublemaking gnomes! That's life for 11-year-old Juniper "June" Lee who has inherited the secret responsibility of fighting the forces of mischief and chaos in the world!

**Cartoon Network Fridays  
at 4:30pm, from  
September 9**



### Bro' Town

It hasn't hit Aussie shores yet but this whacky TV series – dubbed the "The Simpsons of the South" has taken New Zealand by storm. *Bro' Town* follows the misadventures of five school-aged teenage boys: Valea, Vale, Sione, Mack and Jeff da Maori. Stay tuned to *DMAG* for further details.



### Toasted TV

Move over *Cheez TV* – *Toasted TV* is here! Yep, hosts Pip and Dan will warm up your mornings with all that's cool in music, videogames, movies and books – yay! **Channel 10 Monday to Sat. 7am from August 22**

he box? Then pull up a chair.



# WHAT'S ON THE BOX

**We just couldn't wait to meet Ricky Ullman this month! And when we did, we made sure to get as much goss out of him as possible ... Check him out – what a hottie!**

**DMAG:** *If you could travel through time, where would you go?*

**Ricky:** Back in time to visit my ancestors.

**DMAG:** *Do you find kissing scenes embarrassing?*

**Ricky:** They're harder when you're friends with

**Ricky:** I just did this little independent film in Connecticut and this one women we'd been pranking throughout filming we decided we'd get her really badly and so we took a fake roll of film and kind of forced her to bump into the camera guy and spilt the film all over the floor and made believe we

had to film the entire day all over again.

**DMAG:** *Your real name's Raviv. Why the change?*

**Ricky:** Yeah Ricky's a fake name. It's a weird business and unfortunately for auditions, especially for an all-American boy part like Phil, they'd see Raviv and I wouldn't even get an audition. But now you know it, so hopefully that starts to spread and I'll just change it back.

**DMAG:** *If you could interview anyone, who would it be and what would you ask?*

**Ricky:** Natalie Portman, would you marry me?

## Phil <sup>©</sup> OF The FUTURE

### HERE AND NOW!

someone. In *Pixel Perfect* (his upcoming Disney Channel movie) there's a kissing scene and we had to shoot it the first day of filming and we barely knew each other ... It's a hard way to start a friendship by being forced to kiss.

**DMAG:** *Now let's clear some rumours ... Can you really speak Hebrew?*

**Ricky:** Not fluently. Hebrew was my first language and my parents speak it fluently so I know it.

**DMAG:** *And we hear you're a bit of a prankster – tell us one of your best!*



Catch Ricky in *Phil of the Future* every day on the Disney Channel!



# WIN

## ORANGE COUNTY Choppers

Are you a collector of all things small and buildable? Do you think motor bikes are cool as? Yes! Then these are just the prize packs for you. Hot Shots has 20 Chopper Packs to give away. Each pack includes: 3 in 1 Custom Chopper, Chopper 6 piece set, Chopper Motor Bike Street Tech, Chopper Bike with Accessories AND sound, Chopper single bike and Chopper DIY Assembly kit.

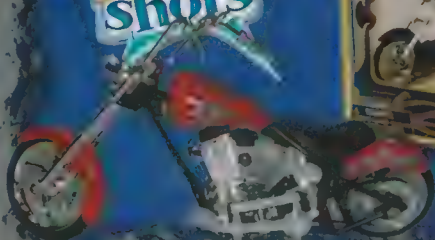
To enter, hop on line at [www.dmag.com.au/competitions.asp](http://www.dmag.com.au/competitions.asp) log in as a DMAG member and follow the prompts to win.

- All on line entries must include the following competition number to be eligible to win:  
DM042 6720

See page 98 for terms and conditions.



**HOT  
shots**





**Put bluntly, Simple Plan rocks. But you know that already. What you don't know is what makes guitarist Jeff Stinco rock. Read on to find out ...**

**DMAG: What makes you rock?**

**Jeff:** For me, playing live is me against the world! It's energetic, it's fast rock n' roll. Reminds me of Guns N' Roses a little bit. Part of it is like really old school and people get into it so it's fun ... but also I really like to play *Untitled*, I whip out the classical guitar, I like a contrast.

**DMAG: When did you start learning guitar?**

**Jeff:** When I was 11 or 12 but I didn't really get into it until I was 16. When I was younger I played in a lot of bands. I used to write songs, and play with people in my neighbourhood. I actually played with Pierre and Chuck (also in Simple Plan) when I was probably 13. We were terrible, the worst band - so bad.

**DMAG: Did you ever write a song that is embarrassing to you now?**

**Jeff:** Oh yeah, plenty. I used to write songs in French. Some of them were really bad. One of them got on the radio here in Quebec where I'm from - it's French speaking here - and I have to tell you that the lyrics were seriously, seriously cheesy. I'm not too proud of that era of

my song writing.

**DMAG: So you're not going to tell us what the lyrics were?**

**Jeff:** Let's just say it was a little hippie-ish. A little dreamy a little hippie-ish, definitely not my vibe anymore.

**DMAG: Do you have any punk influences?**

**Jeff:** My influences are more like bands that were influenced by the punk era. I've listened to The Clash and the Sex Pistols, but I wouldn't consider them direct influences - they were more like intriguing to me. But the bands I listened to when I was starting out were: String Out, Lag Wagon, NoFX and Green Day.

**DMAG: Would you consider doing another Mary-Kate and Ashley movie?**

**Jeff:** I don't know, I'm really sorry about those poor girls, they're really sweet, they were so nice to us. I feel bad they are having problems. I don't think we would do

Guitarist Jeff Stinco is the bald dude.



Sounds

**SIMPLE PLAN IS**

**VOCALS: PIERRE BOUVIER**

**DRUMS: CHUCK COMEAU**

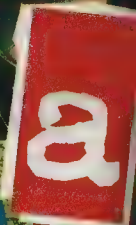
**BASS: DAVID DESROSIERS**

**GUITAR: SEBASTIEN LEFEBVRE**

**LEAD GUITAR: JEFF STINCO**

**ALBUMS: STILL NOT GETTING ANY AND NO HELMETS. NO PADS ... JUST BALLS**

**HITS: SHUT UP!, WELCOME TO MY LIFE, PERFECT WORLD, ADDICTED**







another movie with them, not because we're interested. It's just not where we are at with our career right now.

**DMAG:** What kind of movie would you like to do?

**Jeff:** Actually we have a song in that *Fantastic Four*



like

PLAN

movie and that's pretty cool. I like action movie, I like those kind of movies.

**DMAG:** Would you like to act?

**Jeff:** I would love to be one of the bad guys who gets shot, you know, after a few minutes of appearing on the screen. I think that would be funny.

**DMAG:** You're returning to Oz for a tour this month. What are you looking forward to?

**Jeff:** You know what, the craziness of the people going to shows in Australia, the atmosphere is just amazing when you play there.



## Hilary is Most Wanted

**G**rab your diary and highlight September 11 – you'll want to remember this date, because it's the day you can finally buy the ultimate collection of Hilary Duff's biggest hits all on the one record! Plus – the Australia-only version of *Most Wanted* features four brand new tracks recorded exclusively for this album.



## Brooke's nook!

**M**et 21-year-old Brooke Fraser, a singer and songwriter from New Zealand, who has just released her debut album, *What to do With Daylight* ...

**DMAG:** How do you usually write a song?

**Brooke:** I'll be at the piano or the guitar and be playing different chords or playing other people's songs that

## Time to Switchfoot

**D**are You To Move, Meant To Live, This Is Your Life – what wicked songs! And they're all from Switchfoot's *The Beautiful Letdown*. But soon you'll be able to listen to a whole lot more from Switchfoot ... their new album *Nothing Is Sound* is due out September 18.





I like and then I'll just kind of start singing something random ... and then I suppose I continue to develop it.

**DMAG:** How long does it take to write a song?

**Brooke:** There are some songs that I can pen in 10 or 20 minutes and there are some songs that I've been working on for 10 years, so it definitely varies a lot.

**DMAG:** Do you remember the first song you wrote?

**Brooke:** When I was 12 on school camp I wrote a song called *Sand Fly* about a sand fly and I then taught it to my cabin and we sang it for the school concert.

**DMAG:** What are your tips for song writing?

**Brooke:** You just keep writing and keep writing and you'll write a lot of bad ideas before you get a good idea, but you need to write those bad ideas, so you know a good idea when it comes.



## What animals!

**A**fter four years of sold-out national and international tours, Melbourne's Motor Ace has returned to the airwaves with their third album, *Animal*. And we're sure you've already fallen in love with the first single to be lifted from the album, *Tomorrow's Gone*.

## Shakaya returns

**T**he girls from Northern Queensland, 27-year-old Simone Stacey and 22-year-old Naomi



Wenitong, are back with their second album *Are you Ready?*,

due for release October 7. *Are You Ready?* the single is out now – check it out!

## REVIEWS

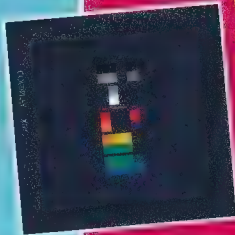
### Kyle Riabko Before I Speak

This is hot! What a talented young guy. On the album he sings, plays bass, guitar, keyboard and drums! You'll find smooth ballads with a jazzy feel.



### Goldplay X&Y

This is heavier than their last album *A Rush Of Blood to The*

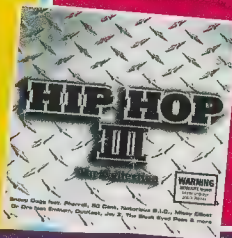


*Head ...* but still as brilliant as ever! Check out *Fix You* – frontman Chris Martin wrote it to his wife Gwyneth Paltrow.

### Hip Hop III – The Collection

You'll love this! Two disks jam packed with all your fave rap and R&B artists including Nelly, Missy

Elliot, 50 Cent and Ashanti.







## Faith in Faith

**F**eel like some cracking country music? Then grab Faith Hill's latest album *Fireflies*. She's one of the best in the biz. Her last album *Breathe* won Best Country Music Album at the 2001 Grammy's, so you can be sure this one will be hot. Yeee ha!

## The Story goes...

**O**n and on for 24-year-old Craig David he's back to prove his huge success story was only just the beginning. His award winning debut album *Born To Do It* achieved platinum or multi-platinum status in over 20 countries worldwide and earned the respect of even his hardest-to-impress peers including Usher, Beyoncé, Jennifer Lopez and P. Diddy. So expect big things from his third album *The Story Goes*.



## No more falls

**W**e think After The Fall's latest record *Always Forever Now* is titled very appropriately – because they'll always, forever be in our hearts ... awww! Yes, the boys from the Central Coast of NSW are back with their second album, which comes after the 2004 release of their self-titled debut, one of the most anticipated rock albums of the year. Check out their hit single *Mirror, Mirror* – it's hot!



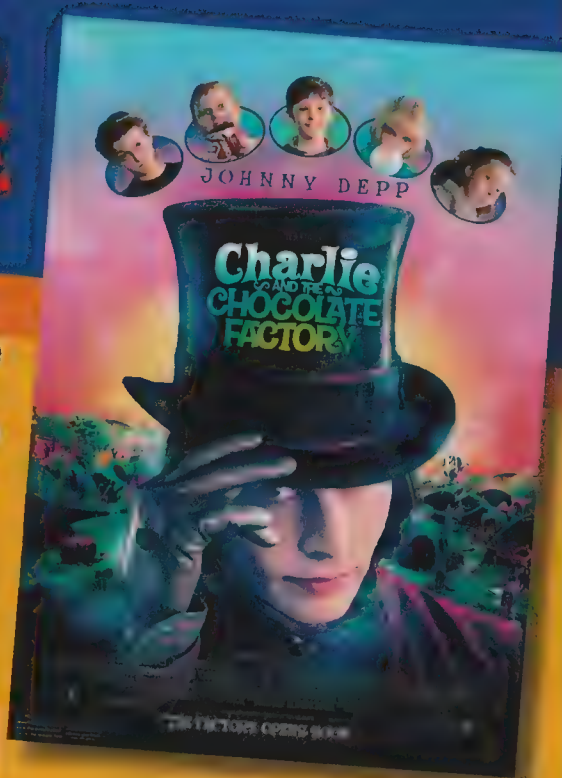


# Charlie AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

To celebrate the Chocolatey Adventures of Charlie we have 30 prize packs to give away. Each pack includes a family in season pass to see the movie and a copy of Roald Dahl's novel *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

For more info check out  
[chocolatefactorymovie.warnerbros.com](http://chocolatefactorymovie.warnerbros.com)

**Hurry - competition closes  
15 September**



To enter, hop on line at  
[www.dmag.com.au/competitions.asp](http://www.dmag.com.au/competitions.asp)  
log in as a DMAG member and  
follow the prompts to win.

■ All on line entries must include the  
following competition number to be  
eligible to win: DMO42 6720 - See page  
98 for terms and conditions.

This film has  
advertising approval.  
Check the classification  
closer to the release date

OFFICE OF FILM AND  
LITERATURE CLASSIFICATION  
Informing your choices  
[www.oflc.gov.au](http://www.oflc.gov.au)



**In Cinemas September 1**





# Are you a golden ticket winner?

Okay, so who would want to be like any of the spoilt brats from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory! As greedy as Augustus Gloop, as spoilt as Veruca Salt, as annoying as Violet Beauregarde, or as lazy as Mike Teevee... But here's your chance to discover your bad habits — well, unless you turn out to be good old Charlie Bucket!

Would you rather go shopping or watch TV?

STYLISH

Are you extremely bossy?

CHOC

Do you eat pretty much all day long?

YES

CHEWIE

**Violet Beauregarde**  
You're chatty and lively but, like Violet, you might want to cut down on the chewie!

**Veruca Salt**  
You have a passion for fashion but, like Veruca, you can be a bit bossy.

GOBSTOPPER

YES

NO

YES

Do you always get in trouble for chatting in class?

NO

Do your parents buy you everything you ask for?

YES







TV

**SHOPS** If your friends had to describe you in one word would it be stylish, lazy or loud?

LOUD

Would your one wish be to eat as much as you could without getting fat or to never have to go to school again?

NO SCHOOL

LAZY

FOOD

Would you rather a lifetime supply of chocolate or chewing gum?

MODEL

Would you rather be a cowboy or a supermodel?

COWBOY

On a Saturday morning would you more likely be found going for a walk to the lolly shop or talking on the phone?

FAMILY

NO

LOLLY SHOP

Would you rather a bottle of fizzy lifting drink or an everlasting gobstopper?

TALKING

Would you rather go to the movies or hang out with your family?

MOVIES

FIZZY

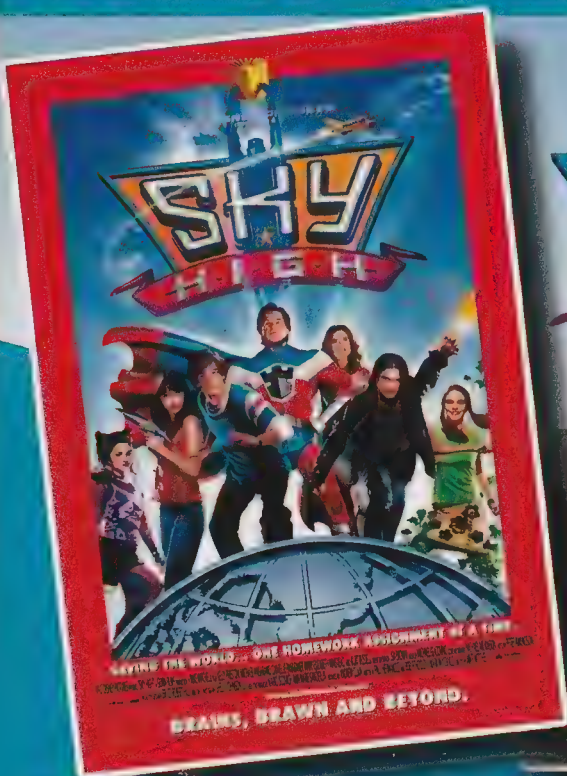
**Augustus Gloop**  
Although you share Augustus' love of food, you have a lot more going for you!

**Charlie**  
You're kind and generous and, like Charlie, will be rewarded in life.

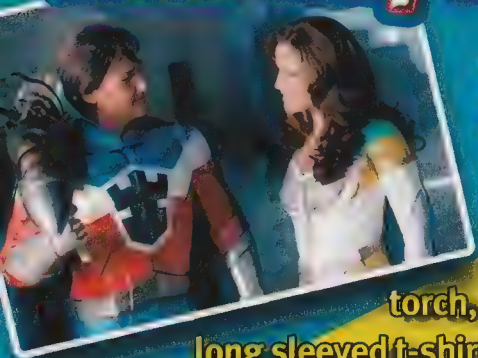
**Mike**  
Like Mike TeeVee you love the TV - maybe a little too much. Get outside and live!



IN CINEMAS THESE SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



# Win! Sky High Goodies



To celebrate this year's coolest action comedy, Sky High, we have 60 prize packs to give away.

Each pack includes, school bag, torch, flashing pen, silicon wristband set, long sleeved t-shirt and a family in season pass.

**There are two ways to win...**

1. Colour in the picture on page 87.
2. OR visit your nearest Australian Geographic store and pick up a colouring in sheet. Take your entry into your nearest Australian Geographic or Socrates store, or post it to: Sky High Comp, PO Box 321, Terrey Hills NSW 2084. See page 98 for terms and conditions.



WALT DISNEY PICTURES  
PRESENTS

# SKY HIGH



SAVING THE WORLD... ONE HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT AT A TIME.

**IN CINEMAS THESE  
SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

[www.incinemas.com.au](http://www.incinemas.com.au)

©Disney Enterprises, Inc.





# Shark Boy and Lava Girl

**Ever wondered what the stars of Shark Boy and Lava Girl were really like? Well wonder no more ... meet Taylor Lautner, Taylor Dooley and Cayden Boyd, a.k.a. Shark Boy, Lava Girl and Max**

**By DMAG's LA correspondent, Michele Manelis.**

**DMAG: What would you wear if you could design your own costume?**

**CB:** Probably a big "DD" for day-dreamer on something like a yellow spandex costume.

**TD:** I'd have a silver outfit with a camera as all over it so I could take everything. Maybe I'd have an ATM built in.

**DMAG: Taylor, was your pink hair real?**

**TD:** No, that was my hair. It was a very permanent colour

and they had to bleach my hair so it was blond before it was pink. I shot with my hair brown for two weeks and Robert called me into the room and said, "your hair looks really good pink," and pink is my favourite colour so I thought it was great.

**DMAG: Who will you take to the premiere?**

**TD:** Well, I can't date until I'm 28 so I won't be taking a boyfriend.

**DMAG: 28?**

**TD:** That's my dad's rule. My mom said she'd help me

negotiate it down but my dad is pretty serious.

**DMAG: Did you know you'd be doing martial arts?**

**TD:** No, I had no idea because Robert didn't know I could do it. Then he put it in all the fight scenes. It was really cool.

**DMAG: A lot of the stuff you do is in front of a green screen - how hard is it to act when there's nothing there?**

## DID YOU KNOW

**THE IDEA FOR THIS MOVIE CAME FROM DIRECTOR ROBERT RODRIGUEZ'S SEVEN-YEAR-OLD SON, RACER**





# Lava Girl – for real...

## The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl in 3-D

**Stars:** Taylor Lautner (Shark Boy), Ceylan Boyd (Max), Taylor Dooley (Lava Girl), Kristin Davis (Max's mum)

No one believes Max's story about Shark Boy and Lava Girl, until they come smashing through his school window making him to help them save Planet Drool. Lots of action, plenty of gross jokes – watch out for the 3D vomiting – and great gadgets – we loved it!

**Stars:** ★★★★★

**See it if you liked:**

*Spy Kids*

**TM:** You have to have a really good imagination but Robert helped us out a lot.

**CB:** And we had to interact with each other a lot because there wasn't much that was real. For our bikes it would be a green box, stuff like that.

**TM:** I didn't see my lava bike until I saw the movie.

**DMAG:** How were the auditions?

**TM:** Really hard! It wasn't easy at all!

**CB:** People don't realise that you're competing with thousands of kids and it's usually you're going to get the job. It's very nerve-wracking.

**DMAG:** What do you like to do

**is your spare time?**

**CB:** Usually I like to think of ways to annoy my sister. Sometimes I play tackle football and videogames.

**TM:** Football and baseball and

I love making my own movies at my house.

**TM:** I love hip hop dancing and making movies with Taylor and just hanging out with friends at my house and jumping on my trampoline.





# THE WALLACE AND

**Case file:** Wallace

**Species:** Human

**Lives:** 62 West Wallaby Sreet

**Description:** Middle-aged bald man with big ears and huge smile.

Often seen in a knitted green vest, a red tie and brown woollen trousers

**Favourite food:** Wensleydale Cheese — and crackers

**Favourite drink:** Tea

**Hobbies:** Inventing things, reading

**Inventions:** A space rocket (to fly to the moon in search of cheese), Techno Trousers, Knit-O-Matic machine

**Personality:** Happy, kind, friendly, not really that smart

(most of his inventions aren't practical e.g. his device for catapulting jam onto toast as it pops out of the toaster), prone to falling blindly in love

**Current occupation:**

Owner of Anti-Pesto, an environmentally friendly pest control business



DMAG has uncovered a secret (not any more!) file on Wallace and Gromit — the stars of the new movie *The Curse of the Were-Rabbit*. It seems there is a lot more to Wallace and Gromit than meets the eye...



**Case file:** Gromit

**Species:** Dog

**Lives:** 62 West Wallaby Street

**Description:** Light tan-coloured dog with big brown floppy ears and a big nose

**Favourite food:** Bones

**Hobbies:** Knitting, reading the newspaper (loved the headline Dog Reads Newspaper), growing very large vegetables for the Giant Vegetable Competition

**Personality:** Clever (he's brainier than his owner, Wallace), good at solving problems, loyal to Wallace, budding detective (this talent was especially handy in the case of the Wrong-Trousers, in which he uncovered a plot by a villainous penguin)

**Current occupation:** Pet



**Case file:** Lady Tottington

**Species:** Human

**Lives:** Manor House

**Description:** Tall red-haired female with winged hair-do

**Connection to Wallace and**

**Gromit:** Employed their Anti-Pesto S.W.A.T. team to deal with the mysterious beast (the Were-Rabbit) that has been attacking the town's veggie gardens

**Current occupation:** Hostess for the annual Giant Vegetable Competition



# GROMIT FILES



**Case file:** Victor

Quartermaine

**Species:** Human  
(debatable)

**Lives:** In town

**Description:**

Pompous overweight  
middle-aged man

sporting a black wig (note: in this  
picture he is mistakenly wearing a rabbit instead  
of a wig)

**Connection to Wallace and  
Gromit:** Trying to out-do Wallace and Gromit by

killing the Were-Rabbit, thus becoming the local hero

**Current occupation:** Not clear—other  
than wooing Lady Tottington



**Case file:** Rabbit

**Species:** Rabbit

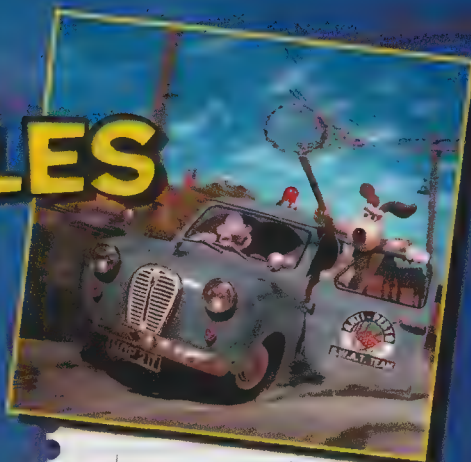
**Lives:** 62 West Wallaby Street

**Description:** Cute with big floppy ears and  
rabbit-like teeth

**Connection to Wallace and**

**Gromit:** Lives with Wallace and Gromit—suspects  
family is over-running their house

**Current occupation:** Claims to be employed  
by Anti-Pesto



**Case file:** Wallace &  
**Gromit:** The Curse of the  
**Were-Rabbit**

**Species:** N/A

**Description:** Feature-length documentary  
(though the makers would have us believe it's a  
fictional movie) about the disturbing events  
leading up to the Giant Vegetable Competition

**Availability:** In cinemas September 15

**Rating:** ★★★★★



**Case file:** Protestors

**Species:** Mainly human

**Description:** Humans of all shapes and sizes  
have been protesting because they want more  
Wallace and Gromit

**Recommendation:** Tell protestors to  
watch ABC TV September 13 to 15 at 5p.m. to see the  
truth about Wallace and Gromit. Watching *A Grand  
Day Out*, *The Wrong Trousers* and *A Close Shave*  
should sort things out



# BEST OF THE REST!

**THERE ARE SO MANY GREAT MOVIES COMING OUT THIS SEPTEMBER – AND WE JUST HAD TO SQUEEZE THEM ALL IN, SO YOU CAN WORK OUT YOUR MOVIE CALENDAR FOR THE SCHOOL HOLS! CHECK 'EM OUT.**

## THE DUKES OF HAZZARD

Get ready to boot-scoot with Jessica Simpson and the gang! Jess plays Daisy Duke, the eye-catching cuz of the very hazardous duo Bo and Luke Duke (Seann William Scott and Johnny Knoxville) in her film debut! Get set for a bunch of bar brawls and plenty of police car chases as they work together with their Uncle Jesse to try and save the family farm from being destroyed by Hazzard County's corrupt commissioner Boss Hogg.

## KICKING AND SCREAMING

As you've probably already realised, Will Ferrel is a total comic genius. What a cack! And just when you want more

Will ... he doesn't disappoint. Check him out as Phil Weston, the coach of his 10-year-old son's little league soccer competition, when he goes head to head in the league championship against his overly competitive father Buck – who coaches his other young son's team.

But Phil starts to take things a little too seriously, actually he goes a little cuckoo ... he starts calling kids losers, tells parents to run laps when they don't behave and gets totally hyped up on coffee (he keeps it on tap on the sideline). But when he benches his own kid – you know he's cracked it!

## MAD HOT BALLROOM

60,000 kids, 60 schools, 10 weeks and one challenge trophy! See real life kids hit the dance floor, rocking their shoes off to win the ultimate prize. It's *Strictly Ballroom* turned reality TV, and this time it's all about kids just like you. But the first thing the boys will have to do is get over girl germs!





# WIN!

## Wallace & Gromit The Curse of the Were- Rabbit Movie Passes

We have one major prize  
and nine fantastic runner-up  
prizes to win.\*

**TO ENTER,** draw a picture of your favourite  
Wallace & Gromit character.

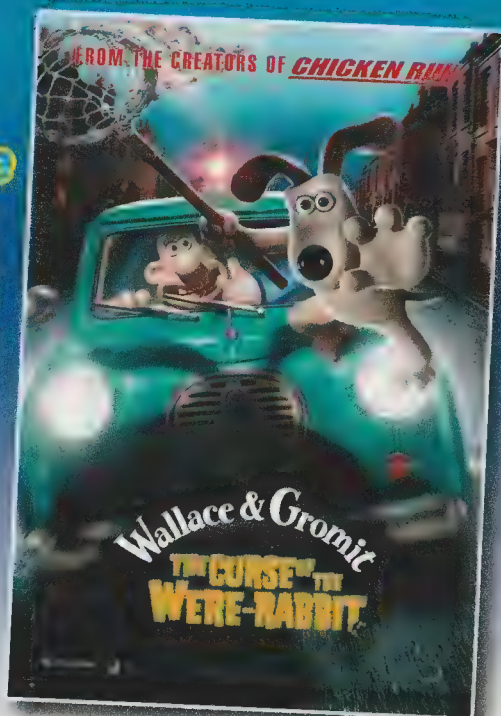
Send your entries to: Gromit Comp.

PO Box 321, Terrey Hills NSW 2084

See page 98 for terms and conditions.

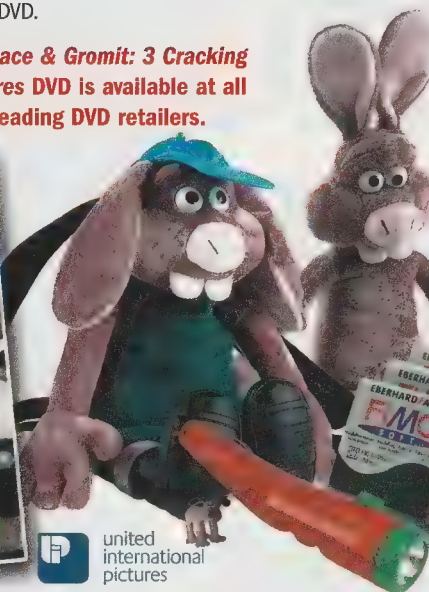
Thanks to United International Pictures, Jasnor  
Australia, FIMO and BBC we have the following  
Wallace & Gromit prize packs to give away ...

**\*First prize:** Family in season pass, hutch backpack, Were-Rabbit  
plush, Gromit beanie, shaking rabbit, hutch rabbit and carrot torch.  
**Runner-up prizes:** Family in season  
pass, Wallace & Gromit clip-ons, sun hat, mug, FIMO activity kit and soft modelling clay and Wallace &  
Gromit: 3 Cracking Adventures on DVD.



**In Cinemas September 15.**

**The Wallace & Gromit: 3 Cracking  
Adventures DVD is available at all  
leading DVD retailers.**



united  
international  
pictures





# BEST OF THE REST!

## THE PERFECT MAN

Can Hilary Duff ever do wrong? We don't think so! You'll love her in this movie as Holly Hamilton, a teenager sick of moving towns every time her mum gets her heart broken. So this time she's not after a man for herself, she's on the lookout for her mum (but of course there'll be some romance for Hilary too!).

Things start to go a little haywire when Holly makes up a secret admirer for her mum to steer her away from a guy she thinks is a 'loser' and starts sending her flowers and letters. Yep, it's bound to end in a mess!

## SKY HIGH

Imagine if you could actually study to be a superhero and attend school in the sky. I think we'd all be up for that job! Check out how Will Stronghold, the son of the world's most legendary superheroes, handles it as he attends Sky High, an elite high school entrusted with the responsibility of moulding today's power-gifted students into tomorrow's superheroes. But he'll have to discover his super powers before he becomes forever demoted to the role of 'sidekick'... and so this hero of tomorrow can save the world today!

## MILLIONS

Two little boys, a lot of faith and a whole lot of money! When a railway robbery goes wrong and an enormous bag of money falls from the sky into the hands of Damian and Anthony, what else are they supposed to do but spend it like there's no tomorrow! Find out how they spend their booty when Millions hits cinemas these hols. One thing's for sure, it's going to be a huge adventure.



# COOL!

# STAR WARS

For a LIMITED TIME ONLY! EXCLUSIVE to DMAG readers!

**HOT SHOTS**

## Embossed Lunchtins

Vader, Jedi.

## TINWARE by

## Embossed Mini Tins

Vader, Jedi, Yoda, Sith, Wookiee, Grievous



**\$8.95**  
each  
+p&h

Available at newsagents and leading retailers.



**\$5.00**  
each  
+p&h

TICK THE ITEMS YOU WISH TO RECEIVE AND WRITE THE TOTAL COST IN THE SPACE PROVIDED

WRITE THE COSTS HERE

☐ **EMBOSSED COLLECTIBLE LUNCHTIN:**

Lunchtin with marshmallows for \$8.95 each + \$4 p&h

☐ Vader ☐ Jedi

x \$12.95

☐ **EMBOSSED COLLECTIBLE MINI TIN:**

Mini Tins with gumballs for \$5 each inc. p&h

☐ Vader ☐ Jedi ☐ Yoda ☐ Sith ☐ Wookiees ☐ Grievous

x \$5

☐ **EMBOSSED COLLECTIBLE MINI TINS VALUE OFFER:**

6x Mini Tins (full set) for \$19.95 + \$4 p&h

x \$23.95

**TOTAL COST \$**

**PAYMENT OPTIONS (TICK ONE):**

☐ I enclose my money order/cheque/credit card details for AUD \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to HOT SHOTS PTY LTD. All payments in Australian dollars.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR CASH IN THE MAIL

☐ Please charge my:

☐ BANKCARD

☐ MASTERCARD

☐ VISA

Name: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Master: (circle)

Street Address:

Suburb:

State:

Postcode:

Country:

City:

Daytime Telephone Number:

Age:

Card Number

Expiry Date

Cardholder's Name

Signature

SIGN YOUR ORDER HERE



www.hot-shots.com.au

Please allow 28 days for delivery of your order. Mail your payment and this form to:  
**STAR WARS OFFER, Hot Shots Pty Ltd, PO Box 374, Thomastown, VIC 3074 Australia.**

You can photocopy this Order Form if you do not want to cut up this publication.



## DINOSAUR GRAVEYARD

A massive dinosaur graveyard – the biggest in Australia – has been found near Winton in western Queensland. More than 150 bones have been unearthed in the area, which scientists think was a flood plain about 95 million years ago. The most exciting find has been a sarupod, which was one of the largest dinosaurs ever. It was a plant-eater with a long neck and tail. Besides the dinosaur bones, scientists have found fossils of other plants and animals from the period, including ferns, conifers, turtles and flying pterosaurs.



COURTESY QUEENSLAND MUSEUM

## Animal tracks

This month we're looking out for kangaroos! If you see tracks like these, then you may have crossed paths with them. The footprint length is about 10-20cm and you'll notice there is actually a tail print between the



## FURRY LOBSTER

Chirping, furry lobster? Could it be a creature from a *SpongeBob Squarepants* cartoon? Nope, it's real and it has just been found in Australian waters for the very first time. The lobster, which is as big as a rabbit (or perhaps a squirrel if you're still thinking of *SpongeBob*)



INFORMATION REPRODUCED BY PERMISSION OF OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS.



feet! These prints are formed when a kangaroo is walking – it puts its front paws on the ground and brings its back feet up around them – easy!

## BILBY DAY

**W**ant an excuse to eat chocolate? On September 11 you'll have one – it's national bilby day so you can buy a chocolate bilby and the money will help save them. Seems the competition at Easter was too much for the bilby – what with all those chocolate bunnies around.



MITCH REARDON © AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHIC

has a soft furry shell that feels a bit like felt. And it chirps by rubbing bits of its body together, a bit like a cricket makes a noise by rubbing its back legs together. Scientists say the discovery of the lobster shows just how little we know about the underwater world – so maybe there could be an underwater squirrel after all!

You can see the furry lobster at the Reef HQ in Queensland.

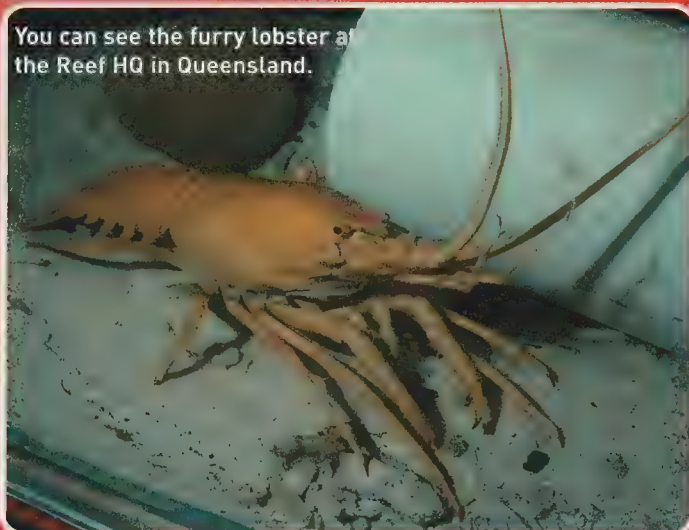


IMAGE COURTESY OF GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK AUTHORITY / PHOTOGRAPHY BY J. INNES



# Who dun? it!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
SOLVE A CRIME?  
CAN YOU SEE  
YOURSELF WORKING  
FOR CSI?

(CRIME SCENE  
INVESTIGATORS  
FOR THOSE WHO  
DON'T KNOW THE  
US TV SERIES ...)  
THEN READ ON ...



**W**e've always fancied ourselves as super sleuths here at DMAG, but do we have what it takes to solve a crime? We asked Dr Richard Major, a scientist from the Australian Museum. He's involved with the

museum's Who Dun It? exhibition and knows heaps about forensic science...

**DMAG:** What personally interests do you need to be a

forensic scientist?

**Richard:** You need to question things, have good powers of observation, be a problem solver, a creative and lateral thinker and have a lot of patience. We see on the

TV shows this very glamorous side of it, but for every little sample that comes popping out of a lab there is an awful lot of grunt work

**DMAG:** What do you do?

**Richard:** I'm a terrestrial ecologist, I spend most of my time on bird research ... but being an ecologist, I study animals in their environments



Be a forensic  
scientist for a  
day at the  
Australian  
Museum's Who  
Dun It?  
exhibition.



... and I did some work on maggots.

**DMAG:** *What do maggots have to do with a crime scene?*

**Richard:** The growth of maggots is used to determine the time of death. Up to 24 hours after death, it's best told by the change in body temperature. But after a body

has cooled, for the first week or so, the presence of fauna on a body, maggots in particular, is the most common way. Flies pretty well colonise a body straight after death and then maggots grow at a fairly fixed rate, depending on the temperature.

**DMAG:** *What are some other forensic methods on show at the exhibition?*

**Richard:** One of them is testing the inks from pens, a technique called

paper chromatography. There's also an identi-kit system that can generate 3.2 million faces by choosing chin, nose, eye, mouth and hair.

**DMAG:** *What did your kids find most interesting?*

**Richard:** The virtual autopsy - there's the surface damage in the body as you can look for bruising and cuts, the next draw down takes you into the internal organs... then a third morgue draw goes down to the skeleton - you can look at the

## What is forensic science?

Forensic science is any science used in a law court to explain a case. It covers all evidence found in a scientific manner - from fingerprints to DNA.







Try your hand at a virtual autopsy.

broken bones to try to work out what happened.

**DMAG:** What did you find the most interesting?

**Richard:** The fluorescent evidence where they use the blue lights to pick up fluorescent fibres on the socks. It was good to see the ballistics too. The inside of a rifle barrel has little grooves to make the rifle bullet spin. When a bullet passes through a barrel, it leaves marks on the bullet ... so you compare the bullet with those from guns of

different suspects.

**DMAG:** If I wanted to be a forensic scientist, what would you recommend?

**Richard:** You'd need to go to university and do a science degree. At high school, take science, all kinds - physics, biology and chemistry - and take some maths.

**Who Dun It? is on at the Australian Museum in Sydney until September 4. See [www.amonline.net.au](http://www.amonline.net.au)**

## The Case of the Cockatoo Crim



**VICTIM:** Sulfur crested cockatoo

**INVESTIGATOR:**

Dr Rebecca Johnson, Australian Museum

**CASE PROFILE:** five

Federal police officers brought a sealed evidence bag containing blood from a car thought to be at a crime scene. Twenty-five cockatoos were dead at this scene. Was the blood on the car cockatoo blood?

**INVESTIGATION:**

Rebecca extracted DNA from the sample and compared it to the DNA database, GenBank, which has the DNA of about 100,000 species. Then she extracted DNA from a sulfur crested cockatoo in the museum's frozen tissue collection.

**RESULT:** 100 per cent match - the blood was from a sulfur crested cockatoo and a man was charged.



**PULL-OUT  
GUIDE!**



# DRACCO MAGNETS

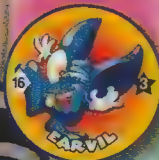
**There are so many ways to play with Dracco Magnets, you can connect, collect and play!**

Be the first to play with Dracco and start trading 'em with your friends – we reckon they're gonna be the hottest thing in the playground.



The magnets allow you to play a million different games, they stick to each other, to the metal ball in the centre and even to the fridge! Check out the following pages for some great ideas, or make up your own game and see if you can win your friend's entire stash.

There are heaps of different characters to collect –



some of them are really crazy! And there are rare Dracco Magnets and super rare Dracco Magnets that you'll want to look out for.

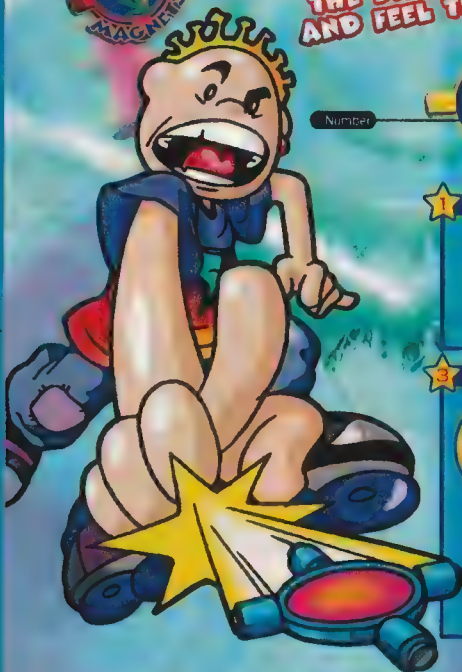






# COLLECT ALL THE DRACCO MAGNETS AND FEEL THE POWER!!

No.1



At the left and middle you can see the number and name for the character. At the right the rareness, where "3" means normal, "2" is for the rare ones, and "1" is for the ultra rare characters, which are difficult to find. If you are lucky, you can also find the top rare magnets in silver and gold color!!



Can you catch it???



Now I challenge you with the force of Dracco Magnets.



1

2

3

## Building with Dracco Magnets

2

Yes, your  
spaceship is  
good

2

I am a construction  
MACHINE with Dracco  
Magnets.



1



But my animals are  
the best!

3

## Hit and Win

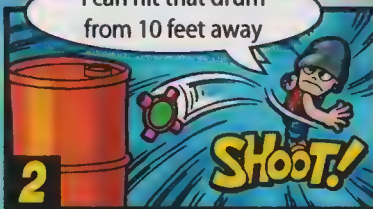
3

Dracco Magnets stick  
to all metal objects

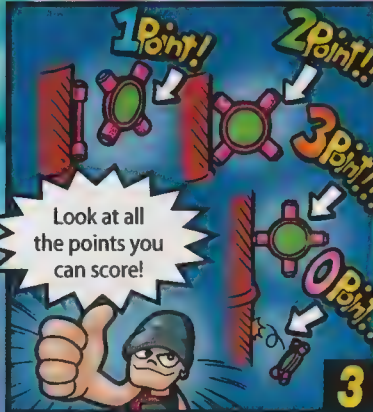


1

I can hit that drum  
from 10 feet away



2



3

Look at all  
the points you  
can score!



## Spin Your Dracco Magnets

4



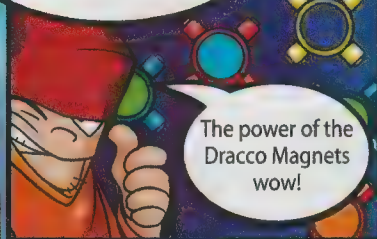
1



2

Look how many I can put on a magnet chain.

3



The power of the Dracco Magnets wow!

## Building Towers

5

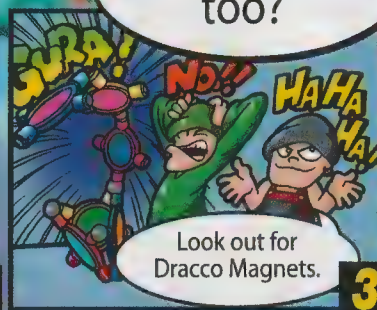


1

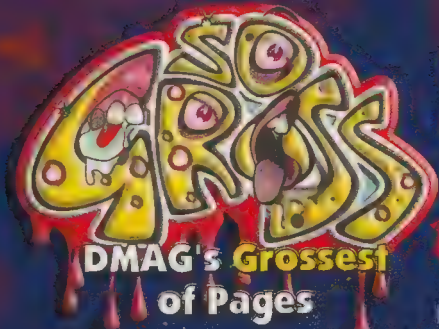


2

Can I play too?



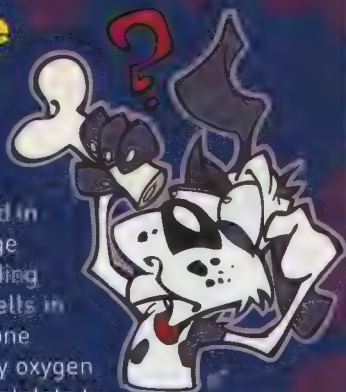
3



## What is bone marrow made of?

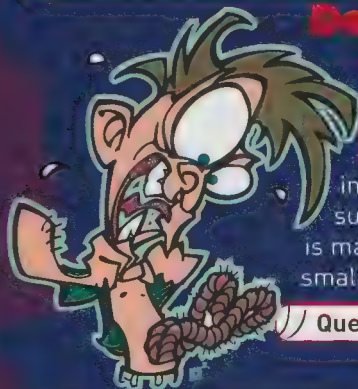
**B**one marrow is the spongy tissue found in the middle of most large bones in the body including

your hips, skull, ribs and spine. You have lots of different cells in your body, each with their own special job and it's in the bone marrow that these cells are made – red blood cells to carry oxygen around the body, white blood cells to fight infection, and platelets to enable your blood to clot when you cut yourself. Healthy bone marrow releases these cells into the body when they are needed.



Question from: Rebecca Preuss

## Do we really have hairs lining our intestine?

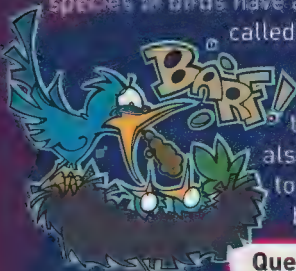


**W**e sure do! And they are very important in getting the nutrients you need out of the food you eat. The small intestine carries out the final stages of digestion. Its inner surface (which when stretched out is about six metres long!) is made up of folds that are covered in mucous and with villi or small hairs that contain cells that extract nutrients.

Question from: Emily O'Brien

## Why do birds regurgitate their food and feed it to their chicks?

**U**nlike mammals, birds don't have teeth or a soft palate; instead they have to throw their heads back to swallow their food (sometimes very large pieces). Many species of birds have an enlarged area of the oesophagus called a crop. The crop is a temporary storage location, which helps to soften food before it continues on to the stomach – this softened food also makes a deliciously smooth meal to feed their young ... so, they chuck it back up for them!



Question from: Emily Cranfield

### Would you like us to answer a gross question?

Send us a question and the best three will win a **So Gross Collector's Tin!** Send your question, written on the back of an envelope with your name, age and address to:

DMAG So Gross Competition  
PO Box 321 TERREY HILLS NSW  
2084. See page 98 for terms and conditions.





# Spider shy

**SCARED OF SPIDERS? MIKE CRAY FROM THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM ISN'T. MIKE'S AN ARACHNOLOGIST, WHICH MEANS HE STUDIES SPIDERS. AND HE MIGHT JUST CHANGE YOUR MIND ABOUT THEM ...**

**DMAG:** *What's the best thing to do if we see a spider in the house?*

**Mike:** DON'T PANIC! Just observe it and leave it alone or (ask an adult to) remove it if necessary. If it is on a surface, carefully place the mouth of a glass jar over the spider and slide a piece of card or paper under it, invert the jar and replace its lid - let it go outside or place it in the freezer for 30 minutes if it's a funnel-web.

**DMAG:** *What amazes you most about spiders?*

**Mike:** Everything, but their ability to spin silks of many different types and to manipulate and use it in so many ways is truly amazing - and this is why they are such

an enormously successful group of animals.

**DMAG:** *Is it good to have spiders around the house?*

**Mike:** Yes, few are dangerous, they are interesting to observe and without them we would be pestered by many more insects - they are nature's insecticide.

**DMAG:** *What do you think about having your house sprayed for spiders?*

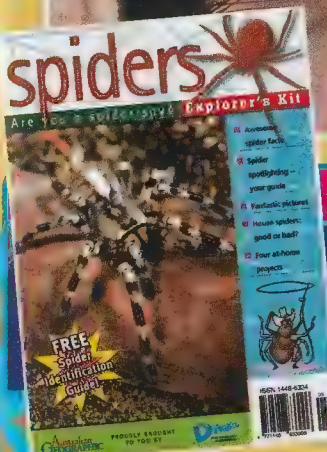
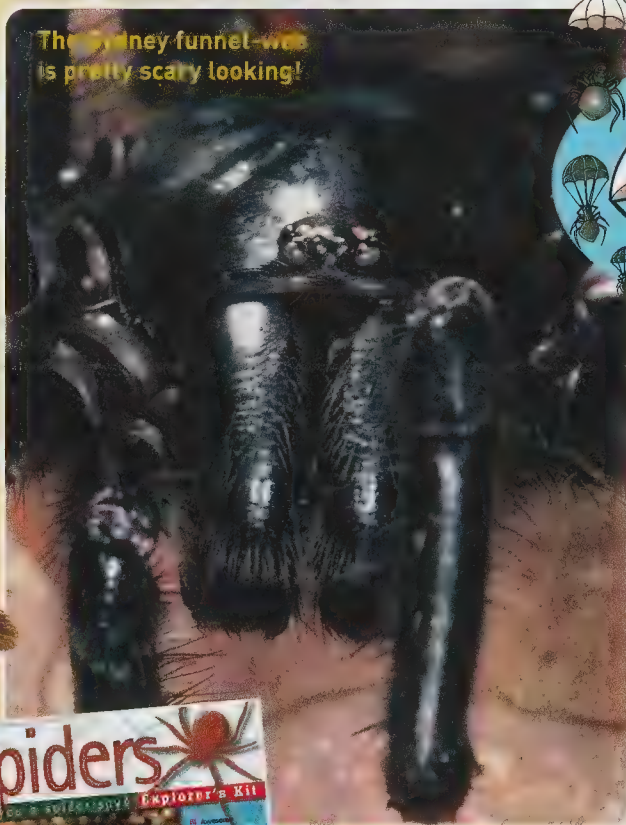
Some people keep tarantulas like these as pets!



**Mike:** Quite unnecessary and bad environmentally - if spider webs around the house annoy you, it's not hard to remove them manually with a broom or stick. Keep the yard reasonably clear of rubbish that may provide web sites for red-back spiders. In funnel-web areas fit draught strips on doors if you are concerned about wandering spiders coming inside, and



The Sydney funnel-web  
is pretty scary looking!



## BE A SPIDER SPY

Want to find out more about spiders? Then grab a *Spiders Explorer's Kit* from an Australian Geographic store or by calling us on 1300 887 795.

predators of insects of all sorts; this natural interaction of predator and prey helps keep insect numbers at an environmentally sustainable level - without them we'd be knee-deep in insects.

inspect swimming pools before entering.

**DMAG: What role do spiders play in the environment?**

**Mike:** They are major



## DID YOU KNOW?

**Spiders use their silk for many things, not just webs. Some spiders use it to make a balloon so they can fly away from their hundreds of brothers and sisters shortly after they are born.**

**DMAG:** If kids want to learn more about spiders, what do you suggest they do?

**Mike:** Learn more about spiders by looking around the bush or backyard, especially on spring and summer nights with a torch when spiders are spinning webs, catching prey, mating, and making egg sacs; keep pet spiders in suitable cages (but not red-backs or funnel-webs). Get a spider book: Visit the "Search and Discover" area at the Australian Museum where you can learn and see more to get you started.



ENDANGERED ZONE



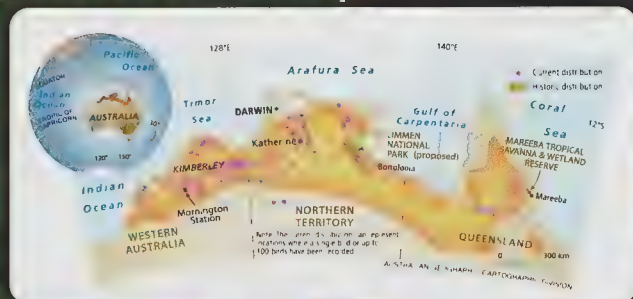
# *Lovely* Lady

EVER FALLEN IN LOVE? MIKE FIDLER  
DID – HE FELL FOR A VERY BEAUTIFUL  
BIRD. NO, NOT A GORGEOUS WOMAN!  
IT WAS THE LADY GOULDIAN FINCH!

**M**ike was so head over heels that he and his wife packed up their belongings and moved from their home in the UK to a 20-hectare property in the Australian rainforest – the home of the Gouldians.

But it wasn't just because they were stunning or because they had a great personality, the Gouldian finch was also an endangered species and Mike was desperate to help them.

Over the past 20 years, Mike has given millions of dollars of his own money to help conserve



these can only be found in scattered flocks of less than 100 birds each.

## SO WHAT HAPPENED?

Fire! That's what. Every year big bushfires destroy their habitat and make it harder for Gouldians to find food. And I say harder, because even without the help of fire their search for food is difficult.

Between the dry and the wet seasons, before the seeding of their favourite grasses, there's always a food shortage. To make things worse, cattle graze on the same grasses as Gouldians, and their manner of grazing (their big feet trampling the ground) restricts the growth of a variety of grasses that are important to the Gouldians.

## FAST FACTS

**NAME:** Gouldian finch

**LIVES:** The tropical savannas of northern Australian

**EATS:** Grass seed and insects

**SIZE:** 13-14 cm long

**CALL:** High-pitched "ssitt"

**LARGEST**

**THREATENING**

**POPULATIONS:** Up to several hundred in the Northern Territory and the Kimberley in WA.

and research this beautiful bird that first grabbed his eye in a pet shop window in Manchester, England.

The Gouldian was once widely spread, with tens, possibly hundreds of thousands of these winged gems flitting around the tropical savannas of northern Australia, where there are open plains and where they can nest in the hollows of tall eucalyptus trees. But now there are only about 2000 wild Gouldians left in Australia, and



## ENDANGERED ZONE



### DID YOU KNOW

**John Gould, who discovered the Gouldian finch, was so impressed by the bird's beautifully coloured feathers that he named it the 'Lady Gouldian finch' after his late wife.**



### HOW ARE THESE LIL' BEAUTIES BEING HELPED?

Each year at the end of the dry season, scientists and volunteers have been hanging out by the waterholes of the Northern Territory, checking out how Gouldian finches spend their days and keeping an eye on their numbers. This is helping them to gain a better understanding of the lives of these little birds in the wild and provides information about

the biology and ecology of the Gouldian finch, which helps scientists know how to protect them. They also monitor Gouldians (without having to camp by the river) by using radio-tracking. Radio-tracking is used to find out where they feed and to investigate how far the finches will fly to find food.

### JUST GORGEOUS!

And why wouldn't you want to help? Just look at them. They're like tiny flying rainbows – and

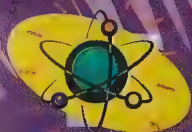
you don't need a storm for these ones to come out!

People actually used to think that there were three different kinds of these finches, but we now know that they are just colour variations of the one kind of finch: the red-headed, the black-headed and the yellow-headed (so named for obvious reasons).

And while you're checking out the amazing ray of colours, listen out for the male Gouldian's song – a very pretty soft chirp – though like us, some can finches can sing better than others.

Check out [www.wwf.org.au](http://www.wwf.org.au) to find out how you can volunteer down by the waterhole and help save these birds.





# WEIRD SCIENCE

## Superman suit

**B**atman has wings so how can fly but how does Superman fly? Is it his suit? Now scientists are one step closer to making a flying suit like Superman's. They've made a polymer material that conducts and stores electricity. Plus, it expands or contracts when electricity passes through. But what's the use of that? Scientists say that if your clothes were made from this material they could have built-in, self-powered, electronic gadgets. And another layer of clothes could act as another set of muscles. But the application we're most looking forward to is realistic dress-up outfits ... look up in the air! It's a bird, it's a plane ... it's Super Dorothy!

*We bet Brandon Routh, the star of the next Superman movie, wishes he could have a real flying suit too.*



## SOS to space

**M**orse code - it's the old fashioned way of sending messages down a telegraph line. It's now officially out of use - but that might change with the discovery that simple on-off signals, which is what morse code is all about, could be used to communicate with aliens light-years away. Scientists have found that some massive gas clouds in the universe - called masers - amplify or increase the signals so much that we could send messages across the universe. So, time to learn morse code again, although we're sure you already know a little: SOS is ... and SMS is ... -- ... (yes, your mobile phone might have used it once!)



## DESERT SPACEMEN

**W**estern Australia's Pilbara region is a NASA priority area for Mars exploration. It's a desert landscape with a lot of iron ore, and it's a lot like Mars. It's a desert landscape with a lot of iron ore, and it's a lot like Mars.



*Is Western Australia's Pilbara region really like the surface of Mars?*







**That's right – you can choose your own adventure to share with your family, in Thailand, India, Vietnam or China\* – YOU CHOOSE!**

**Win! Your very own**

**To celebrate  
the launch of**

**GLOBAL KIDS, our  
friends at Intrepid Travel have a  
choice of FOUR fantastic  
adventure holidays to win!**

***For your chance to win, get on line  
at [www.dmag.com.au](http://www.dmag.com.au), and head  
for the competitions page!***

**Global Kids** is an exciting free email newsletter for kids! Each month you'll find tales of weird and wonderful things on our planet, lots of jokes and cool stuff to win. You'll find awesome stories of radical adventures and loads of way cool places. So what games do kids play in other parts of the world? Where can you ride an elephant? **Visit [www.intrepidtravel.com/express-kidz](http://www.intrepidtravel.com/express-kidz) and subscribe to *Global Kids* to find out!**

\*Prize includes an INTREPID FAMILY ADVENTURE in Thailand, Vietnam, India or China for a family of 4 (2 adults & 2 kids). Travel can be for any time, dependent on availability. Local Payment on the trip will also be included in the prize. Kids need to be 6 years & over & travelling with a parent. See page 98 for terms and conditions.



### ☐ **THAILAND ADVENTURE**

Bangkok, Chiang Mai, hill-tribe retreat, Ayuthaya, Koh Samet – beaches, snorkelling, fun activities, sensational food and simply stunning scenery.



beaches of Nha Trang and the modern metropolis of Ho Chi Minh City.

### ☐ **INDIA ADVENTURE**

Delhi, Taj Mahal, Ranthambhore National Park, Bundi, Pushkar, Jaipur. Experience a camel trip, unique wildlife and learn local crafts around Jaipur.

### ☐ **CHINA ADVENTURE**

Beijing, Forbidden City, Great Wall, Terracotta Warriors, Guilin region, Hong Kong. Experience all the imperial relics of Beijing, and the wonderful food and vibrant markets of Hong Kong.

### ☐ **VIETNAM ADVENTURE**

Hanoi, Halong Bay, Hue, Hoi An, Nha Trang, Ho Chi Minh City. Journey from Hanoi to historic Hue and Hoi An, the



# Adventure holiday!







# Did you

## Did you know ...

*baby bottlenose dolphins don't sleep for a whole month after they're born!  
Their poor mums!*



Dawn Fuchs © Australian Geographic

**Hi guys,  
Ranger Mick here  
from the Australian  
Reptile Park with more  
wonderful animal and  
nature facts from all  
over the world...**

**Did  
you know ...  
that wombats  
have square-  
shaped  
poo?**



**Did  
you  
know ...**

*some spiders are big enough to eat birds!  
The world's biggest spider lives in South  
America and has a body length of  
9cm, a leg span of 28cm and catches  
and eats small birds. Australia's  
bird-eating spiders, which aren't  
as big, rarely eat birds.*

# Know?

**Did  
you  
know ...**

a tick's guts and skin are designed to expand when feeding. They can swell to four times their original size!



**Did you  
know ...**

camels have two sets of eyelids – the inner eyelids are used when they want to see during sandstorms.



**Did you know ...**

thousands of frogs die each year from drowning in pools (that they can't get out of) or being run over by cars.



Peter Mc... Australian Geographic



**Did you know ...**

Australia's bush cockroach grows to a massive 8cm long! Unlike introduced cockroaches, these ones are very clean.



# Shark play

Diving with sharks – that's something older crazy people do, right? Wrong! Thirteen-year-old Jake Morris-Torelli has dived with the scariest of them, you could say he's a real life *Shark Boy* ...

**DMAG:** What was it like diving with great white sharks?

**JAKE:** At the start I didn't really want to, but I was pretty excited. It was amazing because I'd never seen anything so big. When I got out I couldn't really talk because I was breathless.

**DMAG:** Were you in a cage?

**JAKE:** Yes, with my dad and then other people jumped in. **DMAG:** How did you feel when the sharks came towards you?

**JAKE:** I was pretty scared and went back. At one stage

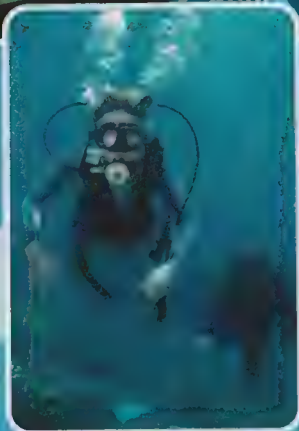
Jake, aged 13, is the great white shark cage.



my hand fell out and that really scared me, I pulled it back pretty quickly.

**DMAG:** What are some of your other marine adventures?

**JAKE:** We went diving with pilot whales off the North Shore of Hawaii... and with Galapagos sharks. I was in a cage for the first half of the



## Totally Wild

Are you totally wild about Jake's adventure? Then why not catch some of his underwater footage and an interview with him on *Totally Wild*, Channel 10 at 4pm on August 22.



dive and there were 11 sharks down there and then I jumped in without a cage.

**DMAG:** How big are these sharks?

**JAKE:** They're about five



A great white.

feet (1.5 metres), pretty big. I had a camera in my hand and one came at me and it hit the camera. That was probably the scariest thing that ever happened to me in the water.

**DMAG: What's your favourite shark?**

**JAKE:** The great white. It's just so big, it's really graceful, people think of them as big sharks that go around killing people but when you

actually get in with them you look at them differently ... you admire what they're doing.

**DMAG: What's been the highlight of your adventures?**

**JAKE:** Swimming with spinner dolphins.

**DMAG: What are your plans for the future?**

**JAKE:** To finish school and then go to film college to try to be an underwater cameraman – a marinelife, wildlife filmmaker.

**DMAG: Any tips for budding divers?**

**JAKE:** Yeah, have fun. It's a sport that anyone can do, all you need is a mask, snorkel and fins. Where I started was in the bath and pool, you can try it anywhere. I've got a few other friends into it and now they're coming out with me.



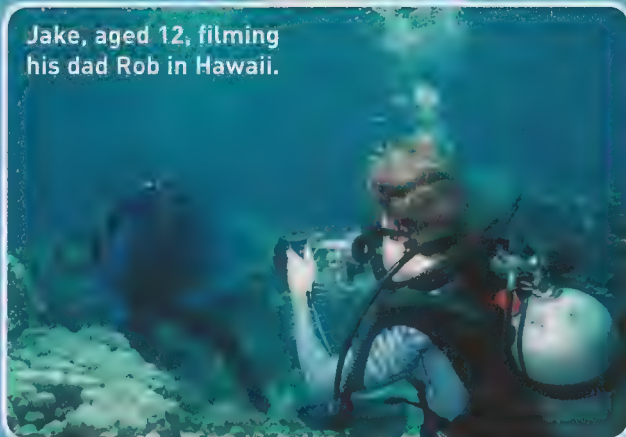
## Jake's question ...

Jake is a great admirer of shark documentary makers Ron and Valerie Taylor. He had one question for them:

**Jake:** What inspired you to turn from shooting sharks to loving sharks?

**Valerie:** It wasn't just sharks, it was the marine world ... we saw the destruction that we had been part of causing over a period of 15 years ... it was just after a spear fishing competition, the Australian Titles, and we looked at all these beautiful creatures on the beach that were going to be dumped. We had been at a beautiful reef, when we went there it was full of life and when we left it was dead.

Jake, aged 12, filming his dad Rob in Hawaii.





### September Sports

#### ATHLETICS

9-10 – IAAF World Athletics Final (Monaco)

#### CRICKET

Australia v England – The Ashes  
8-12 – Fifth Test (The Oval, UK)

#### CYCLING

20-25 – World Road Race Championships (Madrid, Spain)

#### GOLF

9-11 – Solheim Cup (Indianapolis, USA)

#### NETBALL

2-4 – Commonwealth Bank Trophy grand final

#### RUGBY LEAGUE

9-11 – NRL finals begin

#### RUGBY UNION

3 – New Zealand v Australia (Auckland, NZ)  
11 – Japan v Australia (Tokyo, Japan)

#### TENNIS

17-18 – Federation Cup final  
23-25 – Davis Cup semi-final  
25 – US Open women's singles final  
26 – US Open men's singles final

## Brooke's good

**D**MAG caught up with Brooke Hanson, Olympic swimmer and spokesperson for The Good Guys Good Kid award ...

**DMAG:** Would you describe yourself as having been a good kid?

**Brooke:** I would have to ask my parents but I think I was pretty good when I was young.

**DMAG:** How did you end up a breaststroker?

**Brooke:** I won my first race when I was six

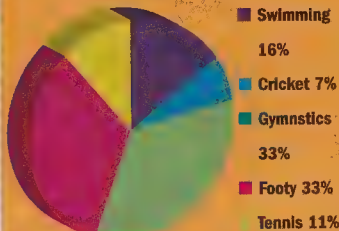
years old. It was a 25m freestyle race, which I swam breaststroke in, and won. I think I had a natural ability for breaststroke and have continued it to this day.

**DMAG:** Highlights?

**Brooke:** Winning the silver medal in the 100m breaststroke and also winning gold as a team member of the Women's 4 x 100m Medley relay at the 2004

### What's your favourite sport?

Here's how you voted in last month's online poll ...



Total 3726 votes

### POLL RESULTS

**G**ymnastics and footy were your favourite sports in last month's poll. They were clear winners each with 33 per cent of the votes. Cricket was the loser with only seven per cent – maybe we should ask again in summer?

# Active Zone • Active

health report! The DMAG health



Athens Olympics ...

**DMAG:** Tips on how to be a good swimmer?

**Brooke:** Stroke technique is very important, so make sure you work with your coach on improving technique. You also need to commit yourself to regular training to ensure you have the fitness to compete in races.



## All Stars

Eight girls, eight books and eight points of view

Meet Maddy,

Bree, Josie, Jess, Sarah, Tara, Mel and Ali – they're the All Stars! Netball fans will love this series about the All Stars; a team Maddy begins when she doesn't make school squad.



## Find a friend

Australian scientists have found that friends make you live longer. Over a ten-year period the team studied how social, health and lifestyle factors affected the survival of more than 1500 people aged over 70. They found that close contact with children and relatives had little impact, but that having a close network of friends was very beneficial!

SpongeBob and Patrick Star are friends for life – so they should live longer than your average sponge and star fish!



## DMAG POLL

Which sports star would you most like to read about?

- ☐ Lleyton Hewitt
- ☐ Ian Thorpe
- ☐ Liz Ellis
- ☐ Layne Beachley
- ☐ Harry Kewell

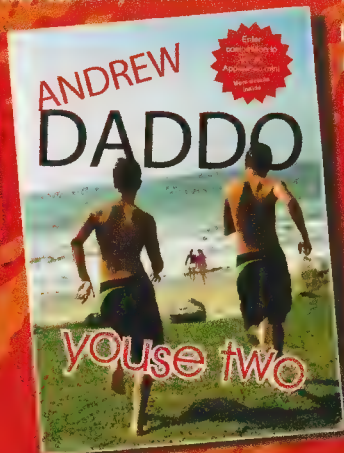
To vote, take our online poll at [www.dmag.com.au](http://www.dmag.com.au) and check out DMAG next month for the results!



# SUBSCRIBE

## Hey DMAG Dudes!

Subscribe to DMAG this month and you will also be sent the Andrew Daddo book *Youse Two*!



Did you read the free mini-book that came with DMAG? Yes! And do you want to find out what happens to Jake and Josh? Yes! Then subscribe to DMAG to receive the book for FREE!

Subscribing to DMAG will save your parents money and it will mean your DMAG is delivered directly to your door every month, keeping you up to date with all that's cool.

So how do you become a DMAG subscriber?

## 3 easy steps

**1** Get mum or dad's attention and tell them how much you want to subscribe!

**2** Once you have the okay from mum or dad, ask them to call 1300 887 795 or fill in the coupon below and send it to us.

**3** Sit back and wait for the next issue of DMAG to be delivered to your letterbox!

## Yes! Please register my subscription to DMAG!

- ☐ 1 year Aus & NZ (12 issues) AU\$45.00\*\* - save \$15.40  
☐ 2 year Aus & NZ (24 issues) AU\$87.00\*\* - save \$33.80  
☐ 6 month Aus & NZ (6 issues) AU\$24.00\*\* - save \$5.70

These prices are GST inclusive. ABN: 31 890 108 365

Mr/Miss/Mrs/Ms \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Ph ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose my cheque / money order  
for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(made payable to DMAG)

or charge my ☐ Bankcard ☐ Visa ☐ Amex  
☐ Mastercard ☐ Diners Club

□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□

Cardholder's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry date □□/□□

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ 1 year overseas airmail AU\$66.00\*\*  
☐ 2 year overseas airmail AU\$129.60\*\*

Please send me a:

☐ *Youse Two* book - PD52

Give a gift that lasts all year to ...

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

### MAIL THIS FORM TO:

DMAG Subscriptions  
REPLY PAID 321  
PO Box 321  
Terrey Hills NSW 2084

### OR FAX THIS FORM TO:

02 9473 6790

OR CALL: 1300 887 795

AJQ

\*\* Prices valid until 30/12/2005

KONAMI

# Unearth Your Ancient Power

In Stores Now

SHONEN JUMP'S  
**YU-GI-OH!**  
TRADING CARD GAME  
**THE LOST MILLENNIUM**

Control the Strength of  
1,000 Years

Discover the awesome power of tough new Rock and Machine monsters like "Ancient Gear Golem". And be first to command your enemy's monsters with "Brain Control". The Lost Millennium: Duel with a thousand years of power on your side!

[www.yugioh-card.com](http://www.yugioh-card.com)

© 1996 KONAMI CORPORATION. KONAMI and design are TMs or Reg. TMs of KONAMI CORPORATION. All rights reserved. Distributed by the Upper Deck Company, Inc., Upper Deck Europe B.V., Upper Deck Entertainment and design are TMs or Reg. TMs of The Upper Deck Company. All rights reserved. Printed in the U.S.A. Upper Deck Company, 388 Stone Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030, Upper Deck Europe B.V., 1302 JJ Noord, The Netherlands. [www.upperdeck.com](http://www.upperdeck.com) U.S. Pat. & Tm. Off.

© 1996 KAZUKI TAKAHASHI

AVAILABLE FROM THESE STORES:

TOYS R US

Target.

Kmart  
Cutting the cost of living.

BIG W  
WE SELL FOR LESS

coles

EB GAMES



# POKÉMON

TRADING CARD GAME

## EX EMERALD

Pokemon fans, rejoice! With the release of EX Emerald, now is the perfect time to begin playing the Pokemon Trading Card Game!

The game is designed for 2 or more players, with each player required to have a 60 card deck, a coin and some counters. You'll need a flat playing area to set up the game.

**Before you start the game...**

Each player should shuffle their deck and draw seven cards as a starting hand. Select your Basic Pokemon cards (indicated by BASIC on the card) from your hand. Choose 1 Basic Pokemon to be your active Pokemon. You can place up to five Pokemon on the bench. These are all placed face-down on the game board. Put the top six cards from your deck face-down. These are Prize cards, which are drawn into your hand as you knock out your opponent's Pokemon.



**AVAILABLE FROM:**

## It's time to play...

Decide who will go first by flipping a coin. Both players should flip over all their active and benched Pokemon on the table.

In a turn, you will draw a card from your deck and then do any of the following as many times as you like in any order.

- Attach an Energy card to a Pokemon (only once per turn)
- Put a Basic Pokemon on the bench.
- Evolve a Pokemon in play.
- Play a Trainer card.
- Retreat your Active Pokemon
- Use a Pokemon Power.

After you've completed the above actions, you can Attack with your Active Pokemon. Perform the effects and damage as stated on the card. You can only attack once with your Active Pokemon. If you knock out an opponent's Pokemon, whether they are active or benched, you can draw a Prize card.

There's a rulebook included in every theme deck to fully explain the rules of play and to get you moving in the right direction!

## Determining the Winner

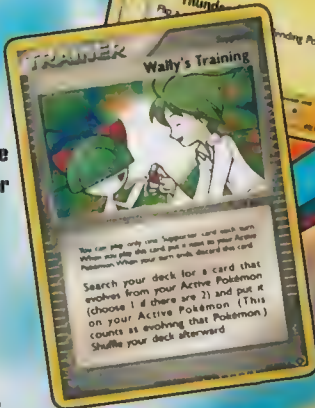
Players take turns until one of the following occurs –

- A player draws their last Prize card.
- A player has no benched Pokemon when their active Pokemon is knocked out.
- A player has no cards left in their deck to draw.

**WANT TO PLAY?**

Log on to

www.pokemon.com.au



COMING SOON

**EX MASTER TRAINER DECK**



TOYS R US

Target

MEGA

BIG W

coles

TOY WORLD

TOY KINGDOM

EB GAMES



## SONIC SNE



Game Guru is back for another fun-filled month of gaming. I've been frantically playing stacks of videogames over the past few weeks, checking out the latest and greatest, so that I can bring you the best of the best! This month we have lots of reviews and previews, not to mention a sneak peek at the latest Sonic titles and a Game Guide for Star Fox Assault.

All in all, it's a huge month so let's get the party started ...

**GAME GURU**

*2005 is sure to go down in videogame history as the year of the Hedgehog. Sonic is back in a big way and the blue dude with attitude is ready to party. Best of all, three new Sonic videogames are out before Chrissie - Game Guru was lucky enough to test drive them ...*

### SONIC RUSH

Nintendo DS

1 - 2 Players

Sonic Rush is a fast and furious side-

scrolling platformer that takes us back to Sonic's gameplay roots. Sporting solid controls and some of the sweetest visuals yet seen on the DS, Sonic Rush - while still unfinished - is fun and addictive. The gameplay takes place across both screens and has Sonic teaming up with a female co-star - Blaze the Cat. This is sure to be loads of fun, so keep your eyes peeled for it.





# AK PEEKS



**Did you  
know?**

**Sonic has a  
star on the  
"Walk of  
Game"!**

**SONIC GEMS  
COLLECTION**

**PS2 / GameCube  
1 - 2 Players**

The Sonic Gems Collection is a blast from the past - a tasty selection of "little

known" Sonic games, some of which are just sooo cool. I mean, where else will you find a Sonic beat 'em up where you can duke it out with Dr Robotnik? Or better still, play Game Gear titles like Sonic Spinball and Tails' Skypatrol on your TV? A must

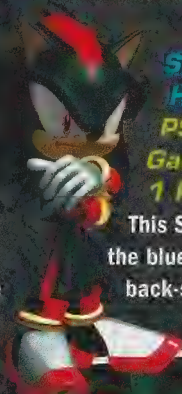
for all retro fans ...



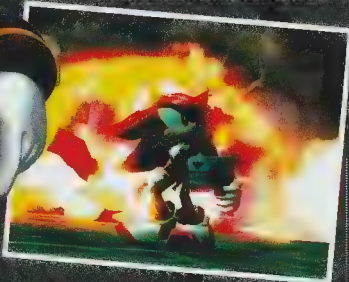
**SHADOW THE  
HEDGEHOG**

**PS2 / XBOX /  
GameCube  
1 Player**

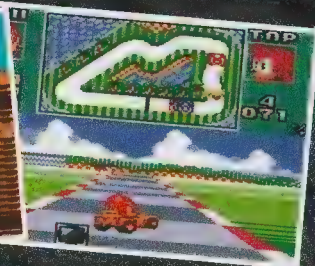
This Sonic spin-off has the blue blazer taking a back-seat, allowing his sometime rival



Shadow to steal the spotlight. Tormented by a mysterious past, Shadow must unlock the dark secrets hidden in his forgotten memories, using the power of the seven Chaos Emeralds. This all leads



to an action-packed adventure where you will choose if Shadow takes the path of good or evil. Sporting roller blades, destructive weapons and some cool vehicles - Shadow the Hedgehog is a blast!







# COMING SOON

## NINTENDOGS

### Nintendo DS

So, how do you get a puppy into your Nintendo DS? Well, it's easy. All you have to do is grab a copy of the Nintendogs. This is an awesome game that puts a new twist on the virtual

pet craze. Players will get to choose their digital doggy and then train and care for it. However, what makes this game such fun is the way you do this. Using the DS touch screen and mike, you will be able to physically interact with your pet pooch. Nintendogs is going to be HUGE.



awesome comic-book action and an epic storyline that sees the X-Men teaming up with their sworn enemies the Brotherhood of Mutants - this is an unmissable experience for X-Men fans. Featuring new playable characters, stacks more super-powers, larger environments and an online multiplayer mode - this might be the best X-Men game yet!

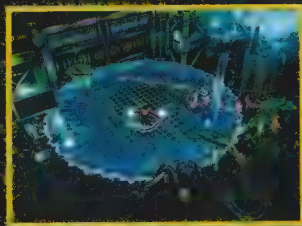
## BURNOUT REVENGE

### XBOX / PS2

The Burnout series of games are my favourite arcade racers on console and this latest looks faster, bigger and better than



ever. Boosting the carnage up a level, this is an adrenaline-charged, road-based rampage where you battle rival racers at blistering speeds. Featuring new multi-level tracks, a revenge meter to reward dirty driving and an absolute tonne of game modes and crash junctions, this looks like it will be incredible!

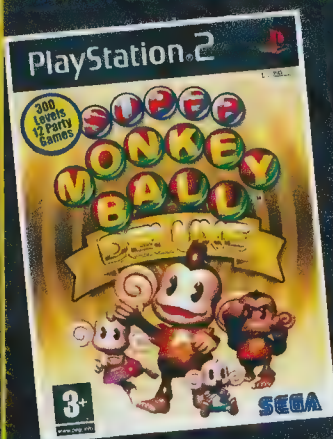


## X-MEN LEGENDS II: Rise of Apocalypse

### XBOX / PS2 / GameCube / PSP / PC

Slated for release later this year, Rise of Apocalypse is the sequel to last year's smash-hit Role Playing Game (RPG) - X-Men Legends! Jam-packed with

# GAME R



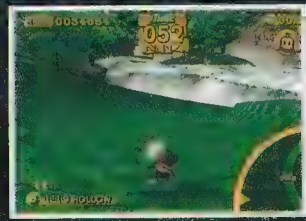
## SUPER MONKEY BALL DELUXE

### XBOX / PS2

1 - 4 Players

Rating: G

Get set to party with those funky monkeys - Ai Ai, Mee Mee, Gong Gong and Baby - as they roll around twisted, maze-like puzzle tables trapped in clear balls. The name of the game is to get to the finish line before time runs out, collecting as many bananas as possible along the way. It all sounds easy, but it gets really challenging,





## REVIEWS

fast. Add a stack of levels and some wacky mini-games and you have an addictive puzzler that only gets better with friends – a crazy party game that will drive you bananas!

### RATING:

Game Visuals

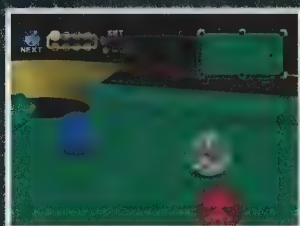
Game Audio

Game Play

Fun Factor

Total Score

86



### PAC-PIX

Nintendo DS

1 Player

Rating: G

Here's a totally new take on the Pac-Man games, that's been specifically created for the Nintendo DS.

It's called Pac-Pix and it's an absorbing puzzler that uses the DS touch screen to control the action.



Players scribble pics of Pac-Man using the stylus, and if drawn



correctly, they spring to life and gobble up those nasty ghosts. It takes a bit of getting used to, but with a bit of practice you'll be doodling Pac-Man and taking control of his manic munching in no time – totally cool!

### RATING:

Game Visuals

Game Audio

Game Play

Fun Factor

Total Score

80

76

87

89

83

**YU-GI-OH! Day of the Duelist**  
**World Championship Tournament 2005**

GBA

1 - 2

Players

Rating: G

Day of the Duelist is the latest Yu-Gi-Oh! videogame to



hit GBA. In addition to all the challenging duelling action you'd expect from Yu-Gi-Oh! this also allows players to explore the gameworld RPG style, building card decks and looking for powerful new opponents to battle. There are over 1000 virtual cards to collect and you can create



and store up to 20 decks – more than enough for even the biggest Yu-Gi-Oh! fan!

### RATING:

Game Visuals

Game Audio

Game Play

Fun Factor

Total Score

83

75

85

82

81





## CHEATS, HINTS &amp; TIPS



## STAR FOX ASSAULT

GameCube

1-4 Players

Rating: G8+

Team Star Fox are back and they're ready to battle hordes of deadly aliens, hellbent on invading the Lylat system. Join Fox McCloud and the crew as they embark on a series of challenging missions in this frantic shoot 'em up adventure. Players fight using numerous weapons and vehicles, like the Landmaster tank and Airwing fighter. While the highlight of *Star Fox Assault* has to be the epic space battles, many parts of the game are "on the rails" limiting your freedom of movement. While it's still enjoyable, this does detract from the gameplay, particularly in multiplayer. Overall, there's still a lot of

fun to be had in *Star Fox Assault* - particularly for younger gamers, who are just being introduced to shooter style games.

## RATING:

Game Visuals	87
Game Audio	79
Game Play	81
Fun Factor	86
Total Score	83

## WEAPONS

## Blaster

Start Ammo:

Unlimited

Max Ammo:

Unlimited

Damage Rating: 20%

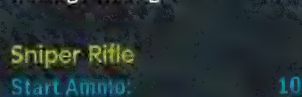


## Gun

Start Ammo: 200

Max Ammo: 999

Damage Rating: 50%

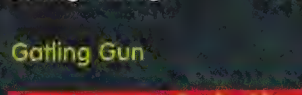


## Sniper Rifle

Start Ammo: 10

Max Ammo: 99

Damage Rating: 70%



## Gatling Gun

Start Ammo: 100

Max Ammo: 999

Damage Rating: 80%

## Plasma Cannon

Start Ammo: Unlimited

Max Ammo: Unlimited

Damage

Rating:

90%



## Homing Launcher

Start Ammo: 3

Max Ammo: 9

Damage Rating:

80%



## Grenade

Start Ammo: 5

Max Ammo:

99

Damage Rating:

100%



## FIRST

## BOSS

## BATTLE

The weak points on this robotic ape boss are



## Ask the guru

Do you have a question for the Game Guru?  
Or is there a game you'd like to see reviewed?  
Then email [gameguru@nintendo.com](mailto:gameguru@nintendo.com) with your  
questions and suggestions.



his hands. To defeat him you must avoid his attacks, while shooting at the crystal in the palm of each of his hands. Periodically, he'll expose his palms. When this happens, get ready to blast away with your lasers.

## UNLOCKABLE EXTRAS XEVIOUS – Classic Retro Game

To unlock the classic arcade game XEVIOUS, collect 10 silver badges in Story Mode.

## DEMON SNIPER RIFLE in Versus Mode

To unlock the awesome Demon Launcher in Versus Mode, complete all the missions and collect all of the Special Flags.

## ROCKET LAUNCHER in Multiplayer Mode

To unlock the Rocket Launcher in Multiplayer Mode you must play at least 5 multiplayer matches.

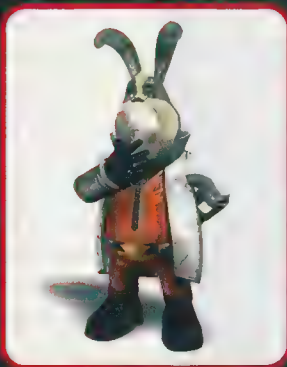
## GATLING GUN in Multiplayer Mode

To unlock the Gatling Gun in Multiplayer Mode you must play at least 20 multiplayer

matches.

## WOLFEN ULTRA SPACE FIGHTER in Multiplayer Mode

To unlock the Wolfen Ultra Space Fighter in Multiplayer Mode you must play at least



150 multiplayer matches.

## PEPPY HARE in Multiplayer Mode

To unlock Peppy Hare as a playable character in Multiplayer Mode, play at least 15 multiplayer matches.

## WOLF O'DONNELL in Multiplayer Mode

To unlock Wolf O'Donnell as a playable character you must collect all Ally Medals in Story Mode. This means that none of your teammates are allowed to die during any of the missions.

## PAC-PIX Nintendo DS

### DRAWING PAC-MAN

Be sure to practise your Pac-Man drawing skills, 'cos when you're playing the game things will get quite frantic. Also remember that the lines creating your Pac-Man cannot be touching any ghosts. If they do, Pac-Man won't come to life.



### NEW PAC-MOVES

As you play through the different levels in the game, Pac-Man will learn new moves which can be used against those nasty ghosts. Below are two of these cool moves and what you need to do to unlock them.

### ARROW MOVE

You must complete Chapter 4 to earn the Arrow Move. This allows you to shoot Ghosts and Switches.

### BOMB MOVE

You must complete Chapter 8 to earn the Bomb Move. This allows you to use Bombs to destroy certain objects, activate switches and immobilise Ghosts.



### DISCLAIMER:

While every effort has been made to confirm our cheats, hints and tips, we cannot be held responsible for codes that do not work, or for any negative effects the codes may have on your system. Please be aware that you are using these codes at your own risk, and that some cheats may affect your game saves - so please be sure to back them up before trying out any cheat codes.



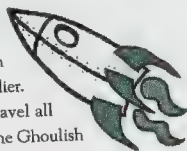
# Spooky Kooks

This just might be the kookiest book this side of planet Earth ... but we love it. Here's a sneak peek...



comets, planets and people into an enormous, terrifying vortex of crushing gravity that will continue to destroy life for all eternity! Ignore that and cross over to the bus stop, wait for the number 13 and it'll take you straight to the Ghoulish Galaxy. Buses don't run after 7.30pm so keep that in mind if you're out late-night shopping on Fridays.

Anyway, back to the Spooky Kooks and the fact that they came in pieces, as mentioned earlier. It's very expensive to travel all the way to Earth from the Ghoulish Galaxy but it's cheaper if you can come in small packages. It's kind of like not having enough money to buy a plane ticket so deciding to mail yourself to Queensland for a summer holiday. It would be squashy and uncomfortable, you'd get quite hungry and



## CHAPTER 1

**Spooky Kooks:** they came in peace from the Ghoulish Galaxy far, far away.

Well, they came in pieces actually, and the Ghoulish Galaxy is not that far away. You turn left at the rings of Saturn, then keep going for a few light years until you see a gigantic ball of flaming gas. Go past that but head toward the twin planets of Snit and Snot and whatever you do, don't land on either of them without tissues.

OK, there'll be a black hole to your right sucking all passing spaceships, asteroids,

you'd reaaaaallllly need to go to the toilet once the postman had delivered you. On the bright side, it's cheaper than flying in one piece, you'd have some new stamps for your collection and you might even get a suntan if they leave your package outside.

So, the Spooky Kooks sent themselves to Earth a piece at a time, by Space Post. Don't worry – being taken apart and then put back together again didn't hurt that much except for re-attaching the ears, which for some strange reason stung terribly! Some bits did get lost in the mail, and other chunks got a little damaged, but I think once you get to know them you probably won't even notice. Oh, and don't mention the ears – the Spooky Kooks get awfully upset just thinking about stapling them back on.

Getting themselves across the universe was tough enough so they had to be careful about

how much stuff they brought with them. Packages containing special scientific equipment and some clothes and toothbrushes were allowed, but not much else. As we all know, nobody likes a naked alien with green teeth and onion breath. If you DO like naked aliens with green teeth and onion breath you should turn yourself in at your local police station immediately – you are a menace to society! Hang on, make that a **STRANGE** menace to society.

Once they got here, the Spooky Kooks decided to live in a deserted, crumbling old house way out of town. They named it Swampwater Manor when they moved in because of the peculiar pong left behind by the previous owner. Peculiar pongs, strong stinks, weird whiffs, rotten reeks and sour stenchies seem to follow the Spooky Kooks around. It's not like they don't change their

4

socks for months on end or live on a diet of baked beans and sewer snake curry, they're just unlucky enough to attract downright awful smells.



It didn't worry the Spooky Kooks too much that their new home was in bad shape. They put up with the insect infestations, the floorboards falling apart, the creaky stairs and

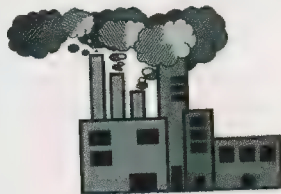
5

loose doors hanging off their hinges. The garden is so overgrown – choked with weeds and wild things – that even Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin wouldn't dare go into it without a jeep, extra food supplies and a big stick with a nail in the end.

Swampwater Manor is tucked away in a neglected area near a bunch of disused warehouses, tumbling-down factories and empty businesses that have been vacant since the companies that ran them went bankrupt. It's all desperately shabby except for one large factory that's still operating. It's run by Sir Hugo Felcher, who is the closest thing the Spooky Kooks have to a neighbour.

CRAPtech is the name of Sir Hugo's operation. CRAPtech supposedly stands for Conservation, Recycling and Pollution Technology but it's another place that's not too sweet smelling. When the wind is blowing in

the direction of Swampwater Manor, the CRAPtech factory stinks like a pig poo pie. Nobody seems to know why and, to make matters worse, trucks are constantly rolling in and out, unloading barrels and crates, making a shocking racket. Strange noises come out of the place day and night.



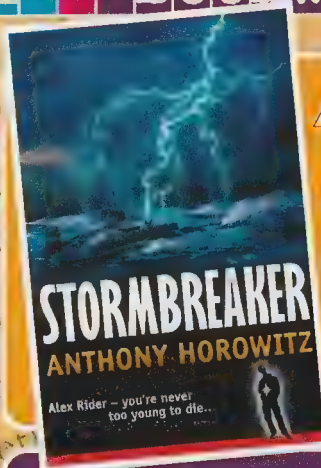
Why do the Spooky Kooks live in such a lonely, crummy area, you ask? Hmmm, you see, the Spooky Kooks know that they look... how could this be said politely?

6

**Just what do the Spooky Kooks look like? Find out by grabbing a copy of**

**Spooky Kooks: Water Warriors today!**





## Alex Rider, super spy – on film

Our fave teenage superspy is coming to a cinema near you! Yep, they've just started filming the first book in the Alex Rider series, *Stormbreaker*. It will star Alex Pettyfer (last seen in *Tom Brown's School Days*) as Alex, and Ewan McGregor (also known as Obi Wan Kenobi) as Ian Rider. We can't wait!

## Diary date

We know it's not until October, but if you're in Sydney put this date in your diary now! Kids' Universe is on from October 1-4 and there'll be a huge Reading Rocks Scholastic section. DMAG will be there on October 4 – stay tuned for details!



## Off the Shelf

### LITTLE FUR: THE LEGEND OF LITTLE FUR

By Isabelle Carmody

Little Fur is an elf troll who lives in the wilderness with seven ancient trees. When her animal friends bring her news that humans have been burning trees, she knows she must act. But how to cross the scary city with its road beasts, trolls and greeps? This simple tale shows our world in a different light – a magical one!

Ages 3 to 11



### ENCYCLOPEDIA PREHISTORICA: DINOSAURS

By Robert Sabuda and Matthew Reinhart

Dinosaurs – they're an all-time favourite. Pop-up books – who



doesn't like 'em? Mix them together and you have one huge hit. With over 36 pop-ups (some big, some small, some hidden, some leaping from the page) this book is an origami wonder. And the dinosaur content is pretty good too!

Ages 5 to 15

## OLIVE AND THE GREY WATER AFFAIR

By Tim Levy

Having the words "grey water" in the title may make this book seem a little dull, but don't be fooled. With an opening chapter on how to read and NOT spew in the car (essential reading for all of us really), this is a funny story about Olive and the need to save water. The book is meant to be read in the car, so it's peppered with puzzles, travelling games and helpful tips – like how to spot a truckie.

Look I said

witch who had no idea how to raise a kid, so she left the task to a bear. All this makes Lump a very confused young man. Woven with magic, this is an epic tale that will have you hooked.

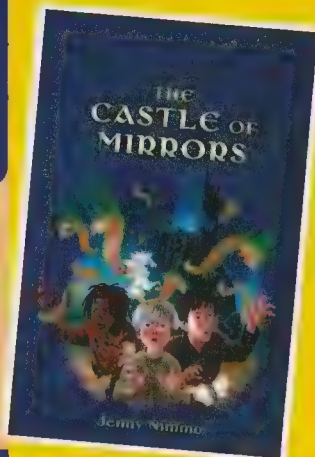
Ages 11 to 16



## THE CASTLE OF MIRRORS

By Jenny Nimmo

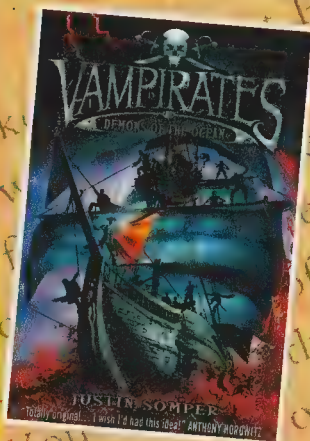
The fourth book in the Charlie



Bone series is another mesmerising read. Charlie's back at the terrible Bloor's Academy where his friend Billy is acting strangely – he claims to have seen a flying horse. How will Charlie help him and what is Ezekiel Bloor up to? Dark, mysterious and funny.

Ages 9 to 14

## VAMPIRATES: DEMONS OF THE OCEAN



By Justin Somper

Twins Connor and Grace flee their hometown in a sailing boat only to be separated in a terrible storm. Connor is picked up by pirates (it's set in the future when the seas have risen and piracy is thriving) and Grace is picked up by vampires. What will the ship of demons want with her? And will the twins ever be reunited?

Ages 10 to 14

## THE WITCH'S BOY

By Michael Gruber

Lump was left as a baby under a tree. Luckily – or as he would later declare, unluckily – he was found by a wise old lady who took him in. Except she was a





# The man "behind" Bumageddon

Andy Griffiths, whilst famous for his "bum" books – the latest being *Bumageddon: The Final Ponglict* – also claims to have his bum fighting certificate. DMAG investigates this outrageous claim...

**ANDY:** You do bum smacking, bum kicking, you learn attack, defence, you study different types of bums so you can recognise bums, you learn to use your bum fighter utility belt and all the little gadgets like that – I imagine it's like a cowboy ranch, where you ride horses.

**ANDY:** Well it would have to be Robobum really, the ultimate bum fighter's weapon.



bum books, only serious books.

**ANDY:** I think now, with the last bum book, there are no

**ANDY:** Well that's my intention. No I think there's part of me that's grown up and part of me that's still a kid ...



## Did you know?

The bum on the cover of books 2 and 3 is Andy's two-year-old daughter's. "She's very proud," he says.

**ANDY:** I'm very proud of Bumageddon – that says it all really. Very fond of my bumasure and also very proud of Robobum.



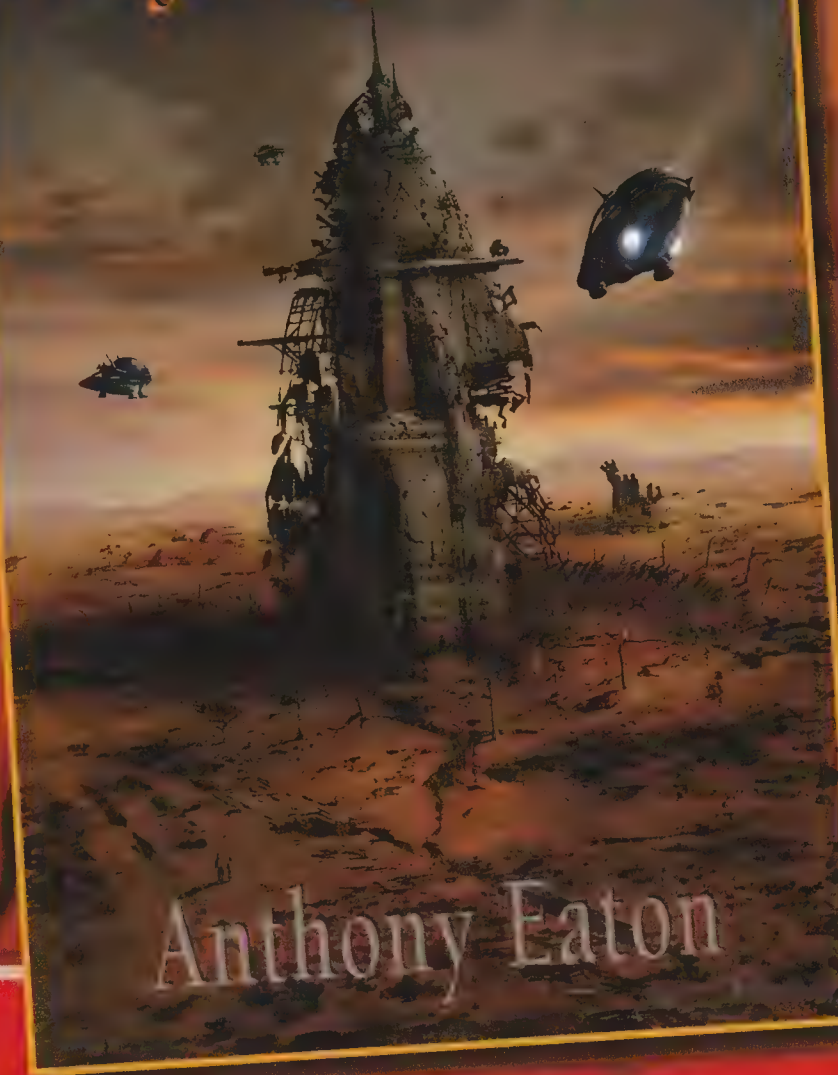
**ANDY:** Yes that's where all of my stuff really starts, from the title. I get the title out of messing around – trial and error. And once I

have a title that pretty much inspires me to create the book ... that's how the whole series started – to have a book called *The Day My Bum Went Psycho*. It sounded so stupid and it was really a challenge to me I think.

**ANDY:** May your bum be with you!

BOOK ONE OF THE DARKLANDS TRILOGY

# NIGHTPEOPLE



Anthony Eaton

**AVAILABLE IN BOOKSHOPS NOW!**



## Readers' Fiction

# An Unexpected Lie

By Simon Lamb age 10

**J**ake woke up. It was a quarter to six in the morning. Jake was very good at waking people, and he never knew it. He was a cheat though, but he still never admitted it.

My name is Jake and this is precisely what I think about myself. I am an only child with barely any cousins. I am not popular either. I have never won any competitions, which I find amusing.

People at school sometimes tease me but they don't know that I'm soon going to be famous. But I don't either. Now I am going to tell you the story. The story that includes all of Australia knowing how much I cheat. I'll tell you from the beginning.

I was reading a magazine when I realised I had skipped a page. I was determined to read every single page. So I flipped back. The words on the page were complicated so I read out loud to myself. "This competition is a hard one to win because all of Australia can send in entries. Write a poem and you may actually win. There will be one overall winner and five terrific runners up. So send your entry

form in quick. All entries must include your full name to go into the draw and you may only enter once. Happy writing and remember, don't be disappointed if you lose."

I stopped reading and looked



I had a plan. It was a cheat plan. I would enter the poetry competition six times. I went into action. I wrote six poems and made up six different names to put on the entry forms. Surely one would win or at least make a runner-up, I thought.

The next day I posted the six letters! The day was an unpleasant one at school which I didn't find surprising. But the night was good. I went to the theatre where the winners of the

competition were going to be announced. As I looked for a seat, I realised a few boys from school but I didn't say a word to them because they were bullies. It must be exciting for them I thought knowing I wasn't going to win.

A man got out of his chair. "The winner is Patrick," he announced. That was me. "The first runner-up is Joshua." That was me too. Eventually all of my entries were called. I couldn't believe it. I had to come up with an excuse. "That's why," I started. I gulped. I sounded quite nervous. "They are my cousins," I said. I was lying in front of so many people.

Just then, one of the bullies stood up and told everyone I didn't have that many cousins. I had to admit the truth and the judges looked very disappointed. I started to leave the theatre but then they called me back. I was very scared, but then the judges said the poems were so good they were going to let me be the overall winner!

I took the prizes and became the most famous poet in the world and those other boys became filthy revolting murderers.

This month's winner, Simon, has won a \$50 Dymocks gift voucher and is in the running to win \$1000 cash!





# Digby's what's hot reading list

1. **Youssu Two**  
by Andrew Daddo
2. **The Legend of Little Fur**  
by Isobelle Carmody
3. **Encyclopedia Prehistorica: Dinosaurs**  
by Robert Sabuda and Matthew Reinhart
4. **Olive and the Grey Water Affair**  
by Tim Levy
5. **The Witch's Boy**  
by Michael Gruber
6. **The Castle of Mirrors**  
by Jenny Nimmo
7. **Vampirates: Demons of the Ocean**  
by Justin Somper
8. **Spooky Kooks: Water Warriors**  
by Brett Woodward
9. **Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince**  
by J.K. Rowling
10. **Banagaddon: The Final Fongillic**  
by Andy Griffiths

**WIN \$1000 CASH – just for you! and \$5000 worth of books for your school in our 2005 Writing Competition!**

**DMAG and Dymocks invite you to enter our National Writing Competition!** EVERY STORY PUBLISHED IN *DMAG* WILL WIN A \$50 GIFT VOUCHER FROM DYMOCKS, AND THE ANNUAL WINNER WILL WIN \$1000 CASH, **PLUS \$5000 WORTH OF BOOKS FOR THEIR SCHOOL!** Send us a 500 word story. If your story is printed in *DMAG* you will win a \$50 gift voucher from Dymocks and you'll become a finalist in the annual competition to win \$1000! The annual winner will be chosen by a panel of judges including authors and literary experts.

**Entries are now open for the 2005 National Writing Competition.** See [www.dmag.com.au](http://www.dmag.com.au) for tips.

Proudly sponsored by

**DYMOCKS**  
BOOKSELLERS

The Children's Book Council of Australia

**& supported by**

Send your entry to *DMAG* Writing Competition, PO Box 321 Terrey Hills NSW 2084. See page 98 for terms and conditions. And remember all entries must have this form attached with the following information to be eligible:

Name .....Age .....

Address .....

Suburb .....Postcode .....

School .....Ph ( ) .....

**All entries must be the original and sole work of the entrant.**

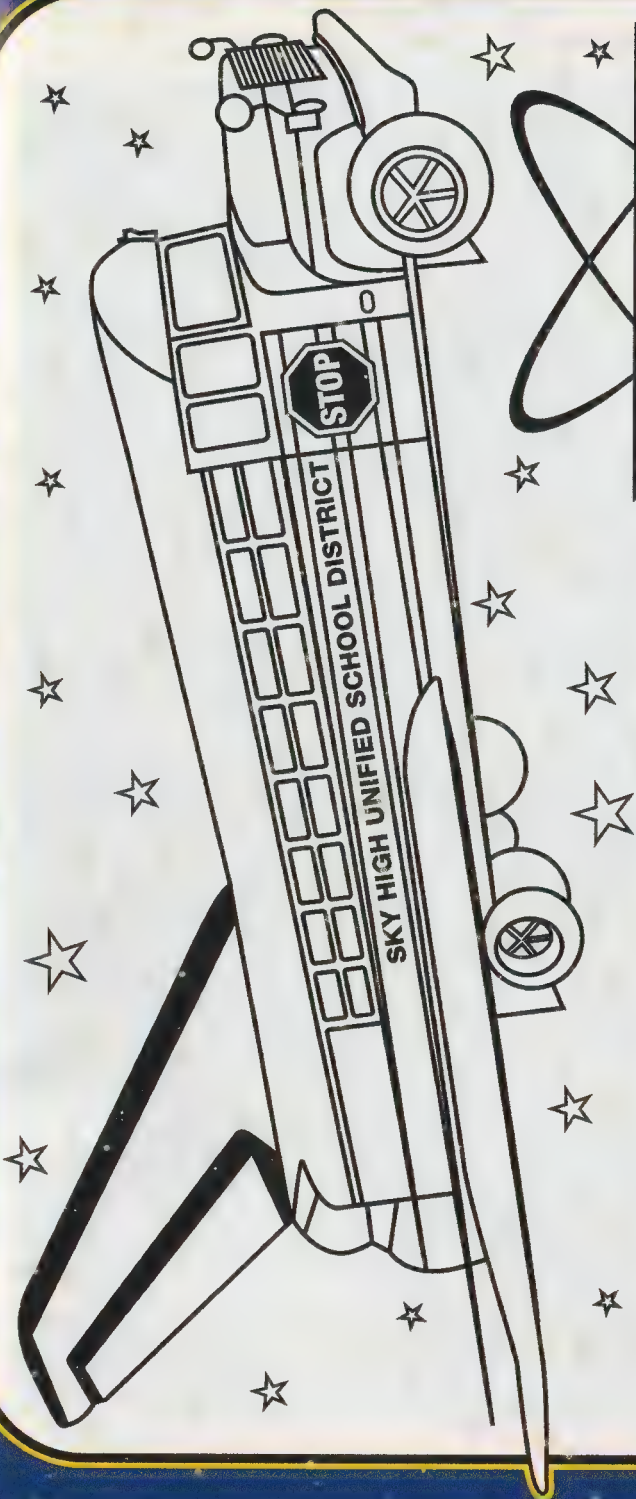


# CHOCOLATE MAZE

Can you find out which one of the five kids will get to the big candy mountain? Good luck!



See page 98 for answers.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

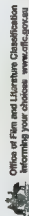
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

**IN CINEMAS THESE SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

This film has advertising approval.  
Check the classification closer to the release date.



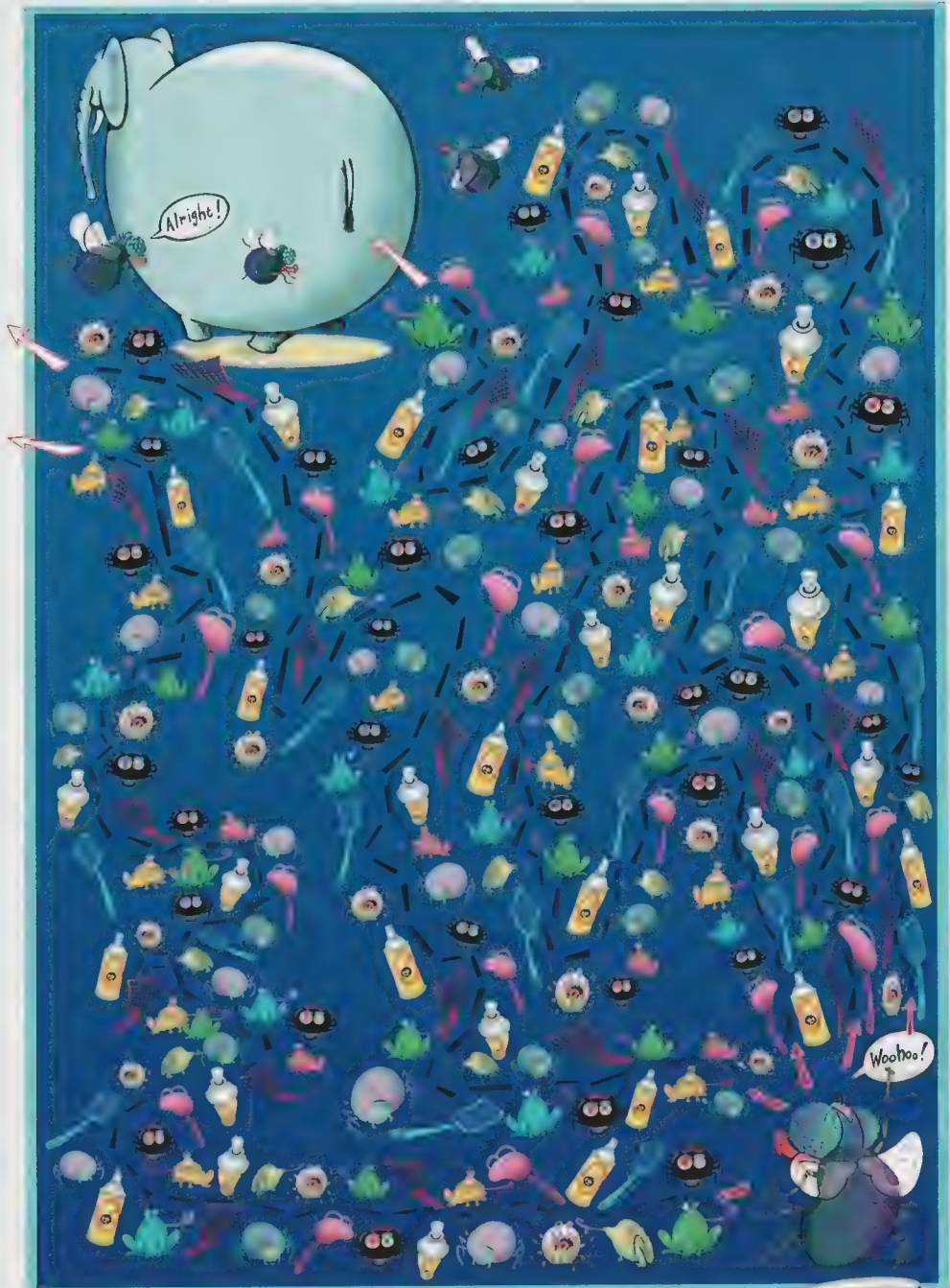
Office of Film and Literature Classification  
Informing your choices [www.cflc.gov.au](http://www.cflc.gov.au)  
©Disney Enterprises, Inc. [www.incinemas.com.au](http://www.incinemas.com.au)

See page 34 for competition entry details.



# Help Freddie the fly find the feast

Navigate through the fly killer maze to the elephant's butt



See answers on page 98.



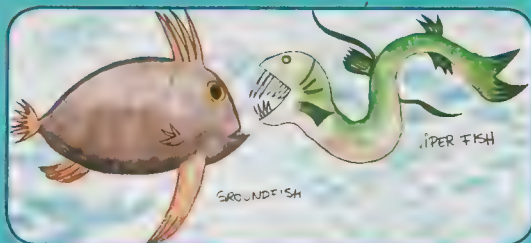
# Win!

One of **25** Faber-Castell Watercolour Pencils Kits!



## Competition Details

Have you ever thought of the weird and wonderful creatures living in our seas, rivers and lakes? Let your imagination run free and create your own sea creature!



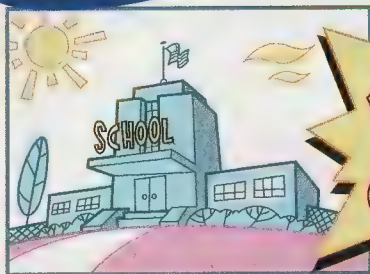
Simply go to our website: **[www.faber-castell.com.au](http://www.faber-castell.com.au)** \*  
Click on the **Drawing** competition link on the right side of the screen to see full details. Then simply follow the instructions.

\* In New Zealand, please go to [www.faber-castell.co.nz](http://www.faber-castell.co.nz)

See page 98 for terms and conditions of entry

  
**FABER-CASTELL**  
since 1773

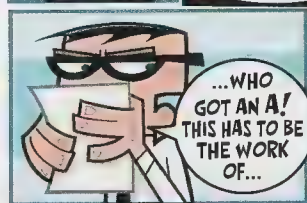
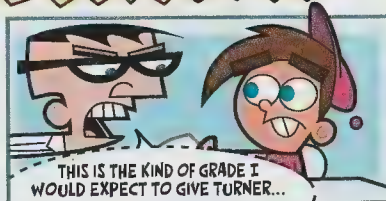
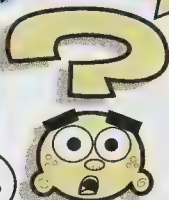
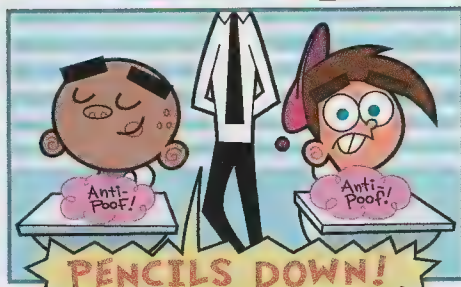




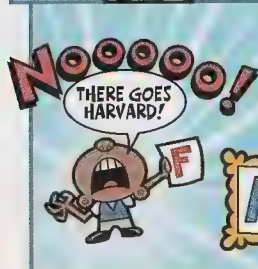
# POP QUIZ!

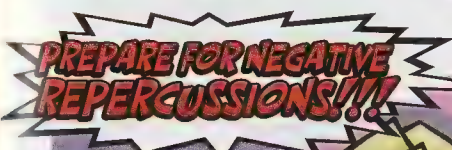
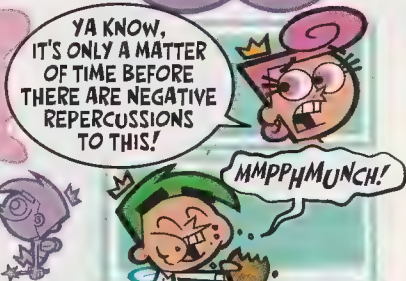
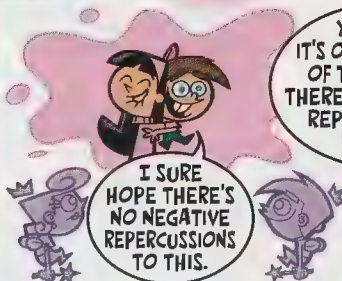
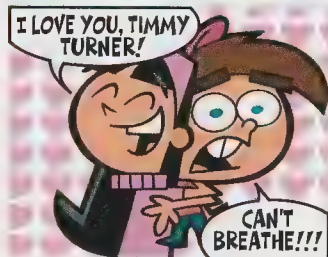
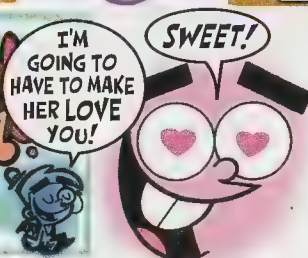
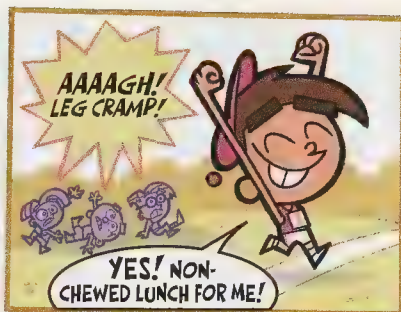
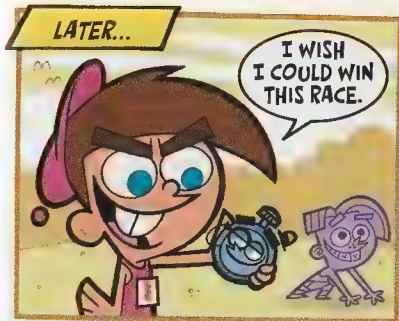


AS YOU WISH, TIMOTHY!

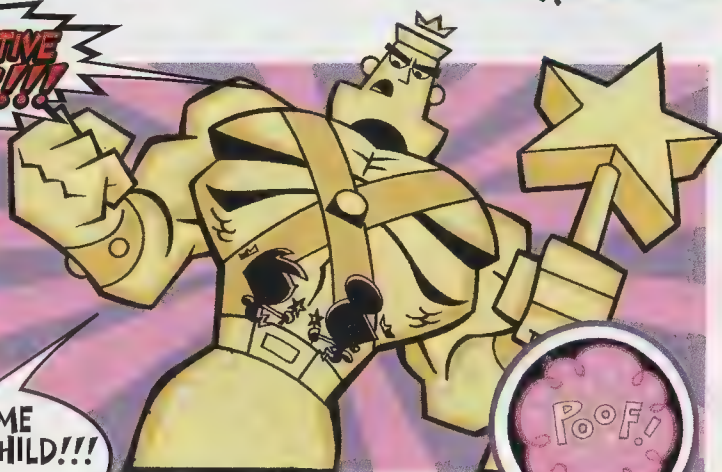


# FAIRY GODPARENTS!

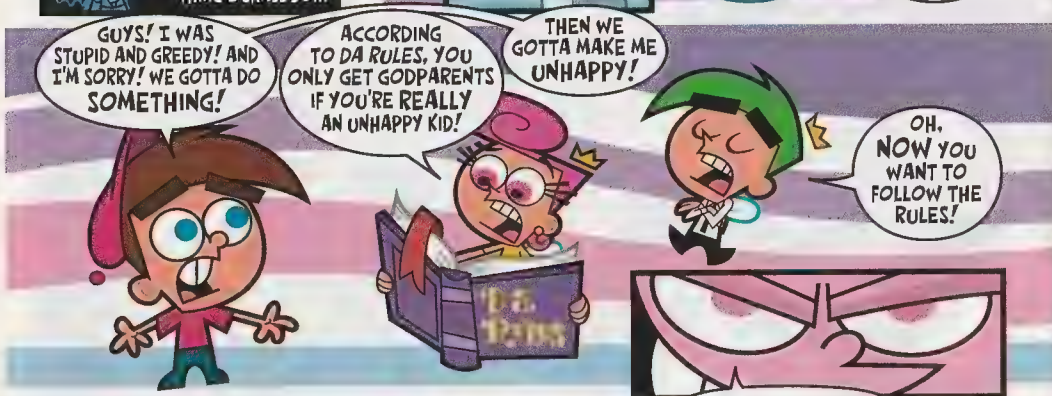
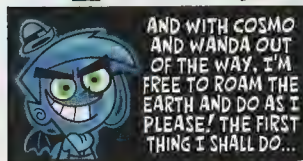
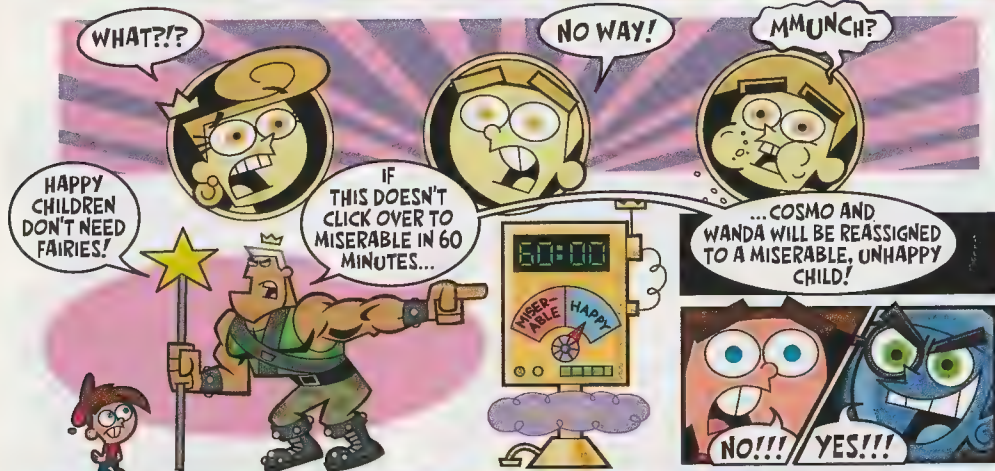


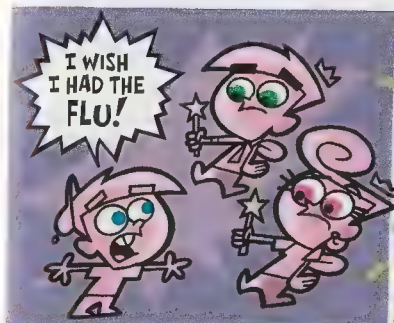


BRING ME YOUR GODCHILD!!!

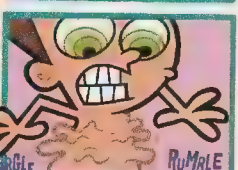
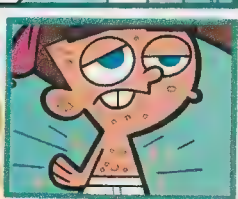




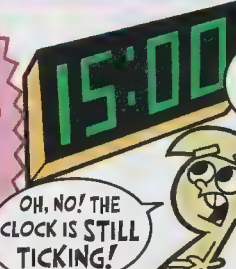




SICK



AFTER SEVERAL TRIPS TO THE TOILET!



OH, NO! THE CLOCK IS STILL TICKING!

I NEED THE ONE THING THAT WILL MAKE ME SO MISERABLE JORGEN WILL LET YOU STAY WITH ME!

WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO?

MISERABLE

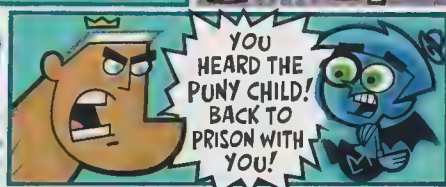
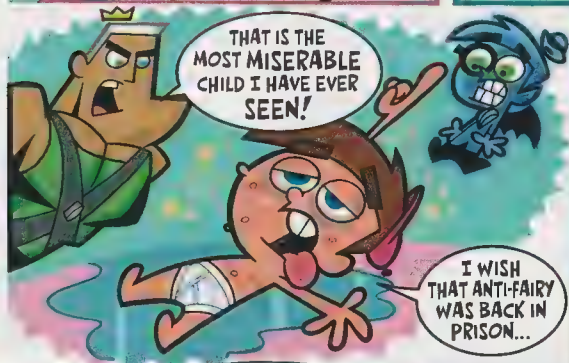


BUT WE STILL HAVE TO GO TO WORK!



HMM... YOU DO LOOK MISERABLE, WHICH MEANS...





# WORT SNORL

**FROG**rensic detective

by Jones



I CAN'T EXAMINE THIS  
CRIME SCENE—IT HAS  
MUDDY FOOTPRINTS  
ALL OVER IT!



**SLOOSH!**  
**SLURP!**

WHAT WAS THAT  
INPRINT UNDER  
YOUR BOOT  
CONSTABLE?



A  
FROG  
SIR



I THINK I WILL  
HIBERNATE  
UNTIL IT RAINS





# THE CREEPY KIDS OF HORROR HIGH



TOMMY KNEW THE FIRST DAY AT HIS NEW SCHOOL MIGHT BE A LITTLE SCARY... BUT NOT QUITE LIKE THIS!

HEY! ARE YOU OKAY?

YOU LOOK A LITTLE LOST.



ER, YEAH, I WAS TOLD TO REPORT TO THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE BUT I'M NOT SURE WHERE TO GO.

YOU'RE AT THE RIGHT PLACE. WE GOT SENT TO THE HEAD FOR FLUSHING OUR TEACHER'S SHOES DOWN THE TOILET.



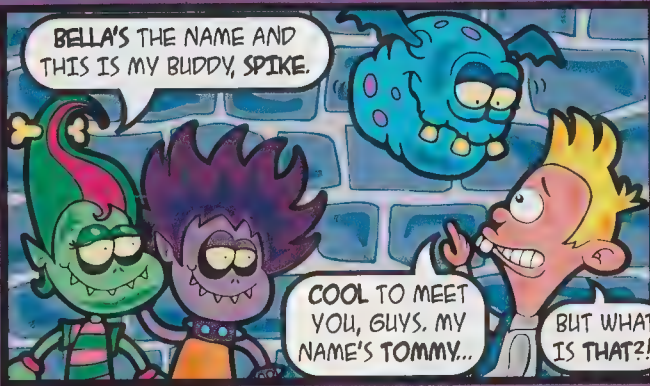
HEY! I'VE DONE WORSE PRANKS THAN THAT.



YEP, BUT SHE WAS STILL WEARING THEM AT THE TIME!



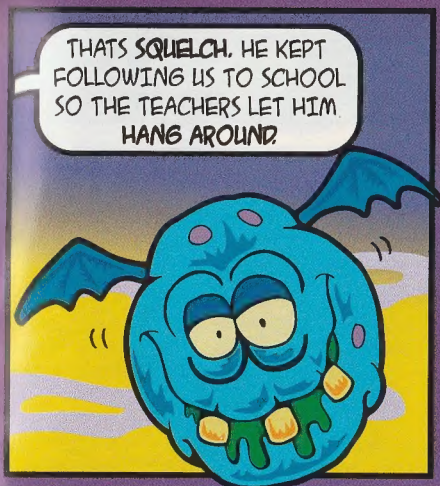
BELLA'S THE NAME AND THIS IS MY BUDDY, SPIKE.



COOL TO MEET YOU, GUYS. MY NAME'S TOMMY...

BUT WHAT IS THAT?!!





THAT'S SQUELCH. HE KEPT FOLLOWING US TO SCHOOL SO THE TEACHERS LET HIM HANG AROUND.

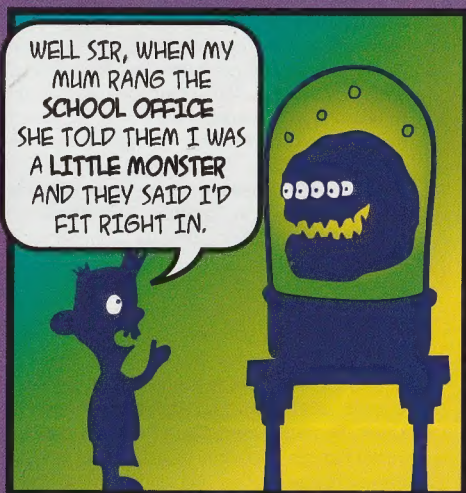


COOL! SQUELCH ONLY DOES THAT TO PEOPLE HE REALLY LIKES.

ENTER! THE HEAD WILL SEE YOU NOW!



SPIKE AND BELLA! I'LL DEAL WITH YOU LATER, BUT WHO ARE YOU? YOU'RE A BIT NORMAL LOOKING FOR THIS SCHOOL AREN'T YOU?



WELL SIR, WHEN MY MUM RANG THE SCHOOL OFFICE SHE TOLD THEM I WAS A LITTLE MONSTER AND THEY SAID I'D FIT RIGHT IN.



HA! HA! GOOD, YOU CAN STAY. WHY NOT HAVE A SWEET TO CELEBRATE?

WOW! THANKS. ARE THEY GOBSTOPPERS?



NAH, SUGARED EYEBALLS, SLURP!

LET'S HOPE THE REST OF YOUR TIME AT HORROR HIGH IS JUST AS SWEET!



# PUZZLE ANSWERS

Maze page 86



Maze page 88



## Winners! DMAG Issue 39

**Racing Stripes/Son of Mask:** Tayla Whalley, Ethan Nelson, Sarah Williamson, Katie Pastrikos, Brittany Verity, Ashleigh Finn, Marlon Pritchard, Sinead Allsop, Ebony Sushames, Elliott Williams, **Speed Demons:** Alexander Watson, Finlay Dennison, Mitchell Nicholson, Connell Hardin, James Pratt, Oliver Jetson, Peter Green, Robbie Orchard, Jason Thompson, Thomas Jeeves, Chris Daniels, Scott Peters, George Sullivan, Andrew Hubbard, Anthony Kraft, Paul Smith, **Lemony Snicket:** Nicolas MacFarlane, Jake Whan, Maddison Bradley, Brodie Fox, Kayla Maskell, Amity Fricker, Marcus Cunningham, James Gaugg, Mirella Connell, David Smith, Jay Lynch-Walters, Tracey Jones, Hannah Graney, Jeremy Jordan, Jordan Hamann, Karli Fletcher, Oliver Bitter, Kia Keller, **Shoobox Zoo:** Kelly Marshall, Rosie Hines, Arlene Smith, Louise Williams, Nicola Laidlow, Jorja Denney, Brodie Langford, Jason Rodriguez, Reece Barter, Liam Lawler, Stephanie Aikinson, Charlene Masters, Riley Warwick, Joshua Kelly, Sheradin McNab, Jake Durnford, Brodie Fox, Louise Macey, Joseph Marsh, Kate Jones, Robbie Smythe, Hayden Mackenzie, Peter Heinz, Paul Swire, Jason Reid, John Wiles, Tamara Haywood, Laura Stuart, Abby Kernaghan, Tracey Mitchell, **Star Wars Winner:** Cynthia Widjaya, **Runners up:** Katherine Renda, Jordan Stopins, Jayden Mitchell, Liam Day-Lewis, Luke Ackland, Brandon Hartshorn, Travis Denney, Daniel Suircil, Brayden Brearley-Passi, Rohan Dickson, **Madagascar:** Wyatt O'Hanlon, Renee Kazanis, Teva Cosic, Charna Thompson, Krystal Burrows, Katarina Trgovcevic, Kate Berry, Anastasia Davies, Anita Klimenko, Denby Mackenzie, Melissa Acampora, Tim Connor, Aaron Adno, Aidan Godbaz, Janetta Byrne, **Tamagotchi:** Lauren Fowler, Reynald Lim, Amelia Fletcher, Chloe Chilver, Paige Lewis, Remy Johnson, Clare Baker, Lucy Choy, Jenny Do, Hayley Stingl, Jimmy Nguyen, Henry Brereton, Jacob Kapitan, Hamilton Smith, Becky Manners, Merinda-Rose Blakemore-Wearne, Emma Gilly, Ashleigh Pisani, Teagan Walker, Alexander White, **Magic:** Blake Harrison, Kenny Luu, Tristan Blizzard, Callum Norton, Jon Mann, Nand Smith, Damien Choy, Demie McDonald, Hayden Weier, Tristan O'Brien, **Batman Begins** **Winners:** Lily Pacey, Jesse Schubert, Joseph Sinnott, Stephanie Atkinson, **Runners up:** Timothy Weymouth, Georgina Babatsikos, Alex Hudson, Riley Warwick, Hilton Stephens, Roxanne Forward, Louise Williams, Jenna Woods, Mitchell Whan, Issac Moores, Adam Grant, April Fernandez, Jayden Stephens, Luke Pryzbylski, Adam von-zieden, Lana Anderson, Jacob Meredith, Richard Wayne, Joel Aquilina, James Green, **AusGeo** **Christmas Cards:** Helena Todd, Monica Holmwood, Blake Keller, Maddie Stotter, Kathryn Kutchel

## Terms and Conditions of Entry

1. Unless specified otherwise on individual competitions, entry to all competitions is restricted to Australian, New Zealand, Singaporean and Malaysian residents under the age of 15. 2. All entries must include name, address and age of entrant to be valid. 3. All entries become the property of DMAG and will not be returned. 4. Entering the competition assigns copyright to the promoter. 5. The promoter is DMAG. 6. Chance plays no part in determining the winner. 7. Age will be taken into consideration when judging. 8. Each entry will be judged on creative merit. 9. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. 10. Winners will be notified by mail and the names of the winners will be published in the December 2005 issue of DMAG. 11. The promoter shall not be liable for any damage or loss suffered in connection with any of the prizes. 12. Any change in value of the prize between the publishing date and the delivery date is not the responsibility of the promoter. 13. Unless stated otherwise on individual competitions, the closing date for this issue's entries is the 30th September 2005 - EXCEPT CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY, WALLACE & GROMIT AND SKY HIGH PROMOTIONS WHICH CLOSE 15TH SEPTEMBER 2005. 14. Competition entries must be the entrant's own work and must not be plagiarised. 15. It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure copyright for their entry is not assigned elsewhere. 16. Allow six weeks for prize delivery. 17. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Wallace & Gromit and Sky High promotions are only open to Australian residents due to the nature of the prize pack.



# JOKES

What do you get if you mix Spider-Man with corn?  
*A cob-web.*

What do camels carry on their backs?  
*Their drink bottles.*

What do you call Bob the Builder when he has retired?  
*Bob.*

What do you call a girl with sausages on her head?  
*Barbie.*

Why do they keep gates around a cemetery?  
*Because people are dying to get in.*

What did one fish say to the other fish?  
*If you keep your mouth closed you will not get caught.*

What puzzles make you angry?  
*Crossword puzzles.*

What happened when the karate champion joined the army?  
*The first time he saluted he nearly killed himself.*

What did the toilet say to the other toilet?  
*You look a little flushed.*

What do you call a sleepy dinosaur?  
*StegaSNORUS!*

Why did the stoplight turn red?  
*If you had to change in front of all those people you'd turn red too!*

What holds up the moon?  
*It must be the beams!*

Why do cows wear bells?  
*In case their horns don't work!*

What person is in a hurry?  
*A Russian.*

What happens to air conditioners when you pull the plug?  
*They lose their cool!*

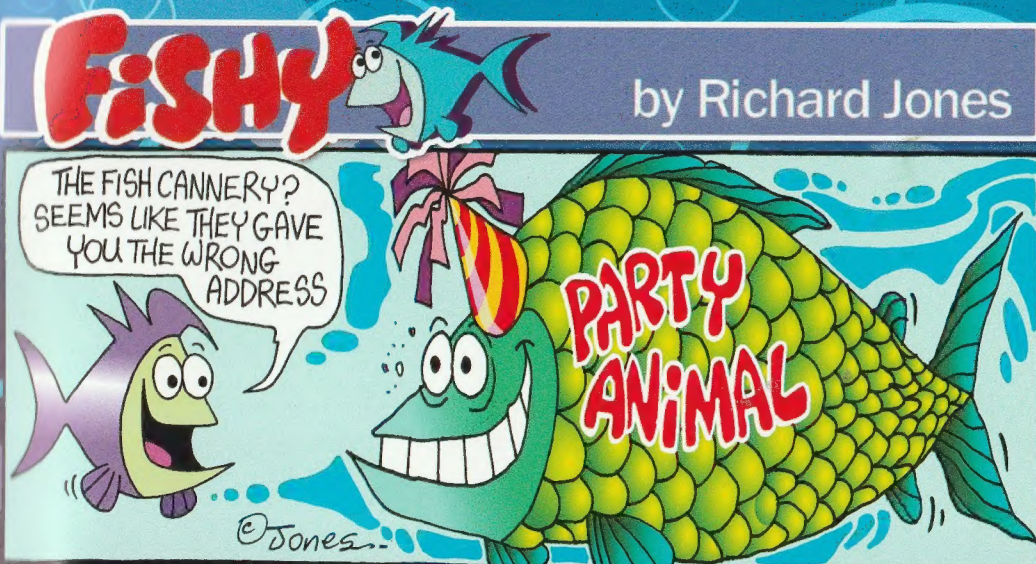
Why was the boy sad to win the prize for best costume at the Halloween party?  
*He just came to pick up his little sister!*

Why does a baby girl get dressed in pink and a baby boy get dressed in blue?  
*Because babies can't dress themselves.*

What cars do sheep drive?  
*Lamborghiniis!*

## FISHY

by Richard Jones





FROM THE DIRECTOR OF "SPY KIDS"


FREE 3-D  
GLASSES



with every ticket  
purchase

THE ADVENTURES OF

# SHARKBOY AND LAVAGIRL IN 3-D

 This film has advertising approval. Check the classification closer to the release date.  
OFFICIAL FILM AND LITERATURE CLASSIFICATION  
Informing your choice. [www.film.gov.au](http://www.film.gov.au)

SMALLER HEROES. JUST AS SUPER.

IN CINEMAS

EVERYWHERE THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SCREENPLAY BY JAMES W. COOK  
DIRECTED BY JOHN DAHLER  
CASTING BY JILL LINDEN  
COSTUME DESIGNER JENNIFER L. BROWN  
HAIR AND MAKEUP BY JENNIFER L. BROWN  
PRODUCTION DESIGNER JENNIFER L. BROWN  
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS JENNIFER L. BROWN  
PRODUCED BY JENNIFER L. BROWN  
WRITTEN BY JENNIFER L. BROWN  
DIRECTED BY JENNIFER L. BROWN  
CASTING BY JILL LINDEN  
COSTUME DESIGNER JENNIFER L. BROWN  
HAIR AND MAKEUP BY JENNIFER L. BROWN  
PRODUCTION DESIGNER JENNIFER L. BROWN  
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS JENNIFER L. BROWN  
PRODUCED BY JENNIFER L. BROWN  
WRITTEN BY JENNIFER L. BROWN  
DIRECTED BY JENNIFER L. BROWN

PRODUCED BY JENNIFER L. BROWN  
WRITTEN BY JENNIFER L. BROWN  
DIRECTED BY JENNIFER L. BROWN  
CASTING BY JILL LINDEN  
COSTUME DESIGNER JENNIFER L. BROWN  
HAIR AND MAKEUP BY JENNIFER L. BROWN  
PRODUCTION DESIGNER JENNIFER L. BROWN  
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS JENNIFER L. BROWN  
PRODUCED BY JENNIFER L. BROWN  
WRITTEN BY JENNIFER L. BROWN  
DIRECTED BY JENNIFER L. BROWN

DIMENSION

TOUCHSTONE

[www.somypictures.com.au](http://www.somypictures.com.au)